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O Me! O Life!

by Walt Whitman

O Me! O life! of the questions of these recurring,
Of the endless trains of the faithless, of cities fill'd with the foolish,
Of myself forever reproaching myself, (for who more foolish than I, and who more faithless?)
Of eyes that vainly crave the light, of the objects mean, of the struggle ever renew'd,
Of the poor results of all, of the plodding and sordid crowds I see around me,
Of the empty and useless years of the rest, with the rest me intertwined,
The question, O me! so sad, recurring—What good amid these, O me, O life?

Answer.

That you are here—that life exists and identity,
That the powerful play goes on, and you may contribute a verse.

A Special Thank You To The Mechanics' Chess Community, Mechanics' Chess Team, and to John Donaldson

by Abel Talamantez

I want to first and foremost congratulate and send a special thank you to IM John Donaldson. He started the Mechanics' Institute chess newsletter over 20 years ago, and here we are at number 1000. For more than 850 issues, John wrote about Mechanics' chess history, events around the club and the world, and brought a historical element to readers who learned a great deal about the people that made up the club through all its years as much as the chess itself. I am thankful he contributed to this newsletter in writing about another former MI Chess Director, William Addison. The newsletter has served as a way to keep the community informed and keep the community together, and it was crucial during the past two years during the pandemic in serving as a connection between the club and the people when we could not all gather in the same physical location. We knew we could all gather through the newsletter, and through the newsletter, we helped gather the community online, and now again, live. Congratulations to John Donaldson for creating a way for history to be passed on through the newsletter, and I want to thank the committed and talented team in the chess department for helping continue it through their contributions in writing and organizing events: Judit Sztaray, FM Paul Whitehead, and GM Nick de Firmian, as well as the other team members throughout the Institute that support chess in various ways from accounting to membership to the library. It's always a team effort, and I could not be more lucky and grateful for the talent, expertise, experience, and sheer will of the team. I could not think of a better group of people to be around and work with, and I'll always be grateful for their friendship, camaraderie and support.

Abel Talamantez, December 28, 2021.



My First Day at Mechanics' and the Value of Connecting

by Abel Talamantez

On my first day of work as the new Chess Director at the Mechanics' Institute, I arrived at 8am on Monday morning December 3, 2018. I was not new to the business of chess, I had organized events, taught scholastic classes, and managed programs in the South Bay, but I was a complete stranger to the larger Mechanics' chess community and to the city of San Francisco itself.

Outside of sporting events, I never really had reason to visit San Francisco since I lived in San Jose. Ralph Lewin was the Executive Director of the

Mechanics' Institute at that time, and he hired me. At about 9 am that Monday morning, I received a call on my office phone and it was him, asking if I had time to take a walk. I said sure and asked what time. He said now, and I said I would meet him downstairs. He knew I was a stranger to the city, so he walked me around the area surrounding Mechanics' Institute, which sits in the heart of the financial district in downtown San Francisco. He took me to Sam's Grill and told me that if I ever met a potential donor and wanted to discuss support for Mechanics', that would be the place to go. He told me they are "friends of Mechanics,'" and a couple weeks later, I found it what he meant. He took the staff at Mechanics' out to lunch there as he had just announced that he himself would be leaving soon for another position closer to home, and wanted to thanks the staff. The entire staff at Sam's knew him and were friendly to all of us. It was clear he had a personal connection, not only to the staff of the restaurant, but also to the staff who worked with him.

He next showed me a great place to get coffee and where to grab lunch. The whole walk lasted about 40 minutes. Along with showing me the spots, we talked about the job itself and my role within the Institute, and he shared some thoughts and ideas. We got back to Mechanics' and I went to the office, preparing for everything I wanted to get started on, and most importantly, my first day directing the TNM the next day. I worked with Ralph about a grand total of a month, yet this morning walk is something that will remain with me always. He made a stranger feel welcome, and he showed me with actions something very important and personal: the value of connecting with people. It's one thing to know your job, but if you don't understand the values of a group and aren't able to connect with the people that make up the community you serve, then something valuable is lost. I remember the next day prior to the TNM 6:30pm round start. I introduced myself to the full room as the new Chess Director. I remember telling everyone that I had some ideas of how we can all move forward together and that I would be hard at work on them. I asked the people in the room to give me a chance, and not to take the words of what I wanted to do at face value, that I intended to earn their respect, and I would demonstrate with actions that I will back up what I say. Being accepted into this wonderful community felt easy, its an amazing group of some of the best, most loyal and generous people I've ever known, and extremely welcoming to all. Leading this chess community is different, I knew I'd have to earn it. I knew it would take time, especially considering all those who have come before me.

If I have earned it - and only the chess community can be the judge - the lesson of the first day played a crucial role. Being with the people, talking to them, playing with them, laughing with them, and sharing coffee, lunch, or drinks with them, that is what I most enjoyed of this whole experience, even more so than all the events and classes we have done, because the human connection lasts far beyond the events. Thank you to everyone for accepting me in, it has been a great honor being a part of this community these past three years.

In reference to the poem by Walt Whitman at the beginning of this newsletter, I'm proud to have contributed my verse to the history of the Mechanics' Institute Chess Club, I honor those who did so before (players, members, and staff), and look forward to those who will do so after me.

William Addison – The Strongest San Franciscan

by IM John Donaldson



William Addison at the Mechanics' Institute Chess Club, circa 1957 (Photo: MI Chess Club Archive).

Outside of greater New York City, and more recently the St. Louis metropolitan area, Northern California can make a claim to being the strongest chess region in the United States. As one piece of evidence, consider that Walter Browne, Nick de Firmian, John Grefe, and Sam Shankland have collectively won 11 U.S. Championship titles while living in the Bay Area.

Punching well above its weight is Berkeley, home to the above-named titleholders except Sam. Add in the many Grandmasters and International Masters who have also lived there over the years (Grandmasters Vinay Bhat, Jesse Kraai and James Tarjan as well as International Masters Joshua Cheng, John Donaldson, Julio Kaplan, Marc Leski, Yan Liou, Vince McCambridge, David Pruess, John Watson and Elliott Winslow are names that come readily to mind) and it's clear Berkeley is unquestionably one of the strongest chess playing cities in the US per capita.

Its larger neighbor to the West also has a rich tradition, but determining who is the best ever player from San Francisco can be complicated depending on what criteria is used. Does one need to be born in The City? Or, should their primary development as a player and major career achievements have occurred while a resident?

If being a native is a requirement, the list of candidates might start with the giants of the 19th and early 20th centuries, Walter Lovegrove and A. J. Fink (also a world class problemist). They were both recognized masters at a time when few were to be found West of the Mississippi.

The end of WW2 ushered in a wave of junior talents across the United States. The top San Franciscans in this group were Earl Pruner, fourth in the 1949 US Junior, and Gilbert Ramirez who won the 1956 California State Championship. The latter did this while still in high school and was

second behind Bobby Fischer in the U.S. Junior the following year.

The latest San Francisco junior to shine on the national stage was two-time US Junior Champion (2008 and 2011) Gregory Young who would undoubtedly have become an International Master, and maybe a Grandmaster, if he had kept playing.

Knowledgeable observers will note I have not yet mentioned two Grandmasters born in The City. That would be Duncan Suttles (b. 1945) and Hans Niemann (b. 2003). The former's parents left town soon after his birth, but Suttles returned to play many tournaments in Northern California in 1964-65 while a student at the University of Nevada at Reno.

Hans had a very late start by today's standards, only playing in his first USCF rated tournament when he was 9 ½ years old, but look where he is today – the seventh rated junior in the world at 2645 FIDE! Hans only played in the Bay Area for roughly two years but they were memorable ones. In the first year he gained almost 1000 rating points to go from 1075 to over 2000.

To my mind, for a player to be eligible for the title of the strongest San Franciscan, they need to have both lived there for a significant period of time as well as developed there as a player. This eliminates Suttles, Niemann and two-time US Champion Patrick Wolff who is a long-time resident, but was long-retired from the game when he first arrived. The same holds true for International Master David Strauss. Grandmaster Peter Biyiasas played part-time for a few years while living in San Francisco, but his days as a professional player were already in the past.

Four candidates who meet the afore-mentioned criteria are the Whitehead brothers (Paul and Jay), Jeremy Silman and William Addison. The first three all developed into strong players in the 1970s. Paul (b. 1960) and Jay (1961-2011) are one of the strongest ever brother combinations in American chess with US Junior Closed and American Open titles (Paul) and US Grand Prix winner and two-time US Championship participant (Jay) credentials to their names.

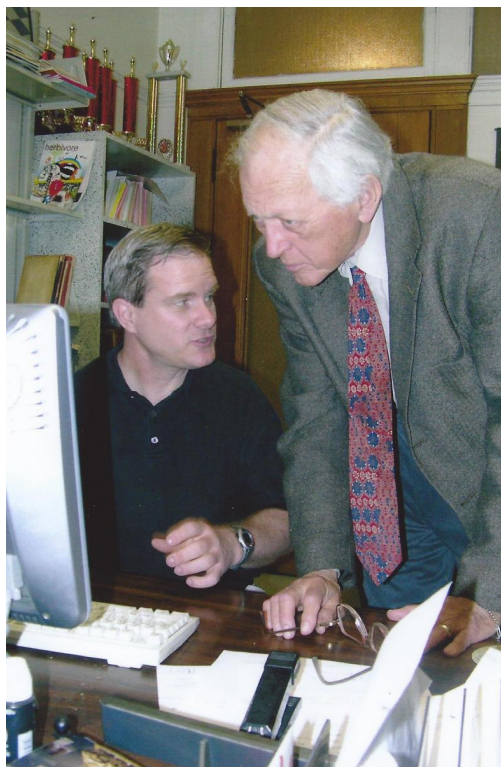
Silman, who is older (b. 1954) than Jay and Paul, grew up in San Diego, and was rated 2052 when he arrived in San Francisco in late 1973. Within a year, he was a master and got as high as 2556 (July 1982) while in the Bay Area. He reached his peak of 2593 on the May 1990 USCF rating list while a resident in Los Angeles, but his best result occurred during his San Francisco days—a tie for first in the 1981 U.S. Open.

Despite the considerable achievements of these three, in my opinion, the strongest player to develop in San Francisco was the late William Addison (1933-2008) who served as the Mechanics' Chess Director from 1965-1969. I had the opportunity to correspond with him in 2007 and some of the information which follows comes from these e-mail exchanges.

William Addison, was born in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and started to play at the age of 12 at the local YMCA. Early on, young Bill showed an ability to play blindfold chess (up to 12 opponents at once) and, sixty years later, recalled reading Nimzowitsch's *My System* cover to cover without a board or pieces.

Addison's first national tournament was the 1949 US Junior Open in Fort Worth, Texas, where he scored 5 ½ from 9 (in the same event Earl Pruner scored 7 ½). This performance, and some local results, gave him an initial rating of 2008. Some of these early efforts can be found in the *Mechanics' Institute Newsletter* #211.

When Addison settled in San Francisco in 1952, after a stint in the Air Force, it would have been hard to predict just how strong he would become – how many 21-year-old Experts end up being rated in the top 100 players in the world? Progress was slow but steady, and a decade after arriving on the West Coast, he qualified to play in the US Championship at the age of 29. He lost to the top two finishers (Fischer and Bisguier) in his debut, but scored +4 against the rest of the field enabling him to share third with Reshevsky and Evans. This was to be the first of five such events Addison competed in. His lifetime score of 19 wins, 16 losses and 20 draws, or 29 points from 55 games played is more than respectable. Addison's best result in a U.S. Championship was in 1969 where he finished second and qualified for the Interzonal.



John Donaldson and William Addison

Addison represented the United States in the 1964 and 1968 Chess Olympiads and was the top U.S. scorer in the former (7½ from 9 as second reserve which earned him an individual bronze medal) and won team silver in the latter. He received the International Master title in 1967, long after he was IM strength. Norm events were few and far between in the 1960s and pretty much only held in Europe.

Among Addison's victims were Sammy Reshevsky (twice), three-time Soviet Champion Leonid Stein and Svetozar Gligoric. He drew individual games with Bobby Fischer and Anatoly Karpov.

How did Addison get good when he was living in San Francisco, far from the center of US chess? In an e-mail written on 5/27/07, he wrote "I read everything at the MI Library, most especially the old editions of *British Chess Magazine* from which I copied the scores of match games between famous players. I did not consciously model my play on anyone, although I did strive to be Nimzowitschian (to my regret) on occasion. The two players I most admired were Capablanca and Alekhine and I considered their Buenos Aires match the pinnacle of match chess (I stopped following championship chess after Fischer-Spassky)."

"My progress in playing chess was somewhat aided by the caliber of chess in San Francisco in the early 1950s. My greatest enjoyment and source of development as a player in SF chess was my "skittles" games with Dimitri Poliakov, playing whom was like facing Chigorin (or so I imagined)."

"For all the advantages of SF, I needed to play outside the Bay Area. I settled in Manhattan for nine months in 1960 and set a new record for consecutive first place finishes in the Manhattan Club Friday night rapid transit tournament, winning twelve weeks in a row. The previous record holder was another Westerner, Arthur Duke."

Besides the stay in New York, Addison lived in Los Angeles in 1963-64 when he worked for the Piatigorsky Foundation teaching chess to children, veterans and the physically challenged.

William Addison retired from chess in late 1970 with a FIDE rating of 2490, ranked equal 83rd in the world.

In the following game, played in the U.S. Championship, he defeats the always hard to beat Larry Evans in a fine attacking effort.

(5) Addison, William - Evans, Larry Melvyn [D46]

USA-ch New York (2), 12.1965

[Donaldson, de Firmian]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c6 4.e3 Nf6 5.Nf3 Nbd7 6.Bd3 Bb4





7.0-0 0-0 8.Qe2!? [8.Qc2; 8.a3] 8...dxc4 [8...Qe7!?] 9.Bxc4 Bd6 10.Rd1 Qe7 11.e4 e5 12.d5+/- cxd5



[12...Nb6 13.dxc6 bxc6 14.Bb3 Bg4 15.h3 Bxf3 16.Qxf3+/-] **13.Nxd5?! [13.Bxd5! is the best way to secure an opening edge] 13...Nxd5 14.Bxd5 Nf6 [14...Nb6?! 15.Bg5! causes trouble; 14...h6 may be best] 15.Bg5 h6 16.Bxf6 Qxf6 17.h3** White has secured a comfortable edge with control of the d5 square. **17...Rb8 18.Rac1 Rd8 [18...Qe7!? ^19...Be6/ 19.Qd3 Rd8 20.Qb3 Be6 21.Bxe6 Qxe6 22.Rd5; 18...Be6?! 19.Bxb7 (19.Bxe6 Qxe6 20.Rd5 Rbc8 21.Rcd1 Bc7; 19.Qe3 b6 20.Bxe6 Qxe6) 19...Bxa2 20.Rc6 Rxb7 (20...Rfd8? 21.Qa6+-) 21.Rdxd6 Qe7 22.Qd2+/-] 19.Rc3 Bd7?!]**



[>=19...Be6 20.Rcd3 Bxd5 21.Rxd5+/- with the nice d5 outpost] **20.Nh2!+/-** A fine maneuver to clear the third rank for the rook and relocate the knight to a more aggressive post. **20...Qe7 21.Qh5** One can see the attack building as the white pieces shift over the the kingside. **21...Be8?! [21...Be6 22.Rg3 Kf8+/- is uncomfortable for Black but at least the king gets some safety] 22.Rf3 Rd7 23.Ng4+- Kh7?!]**



[23...Qg5 24.Nf6+ gxf6 25.Rg3 may be the best defense though it loses the queen for rook and knight] **24.Rf6! Qf8 [24...gxf6 25.Qxh6+ Kg8 26.Nxf6+- is finished] 25.Rxh6+! gxh6 26.Nf6+ Kg7 27.Qf5 Rbd8 [27...Qe7 28.Qh7+ Kxf6 29.Qxh6#; 27...Be7 28.Nxd7+-] 28.Rd3+-** Getting the last attacker to join in spells doom for Black. **28...Qh8 29.Rg3+ Kf8 30.Nh7+ Ke7**





31.Rg8! Qxh7 [31...Qxg8 32.Qf6#] 32.Qxh7 Evans resigned in this hopeless position. A great game by our former MI chessclub director. 1-0

The Mechanics' Institute Chess Club During Fischer's Run to the World Championship!

by NM Kerry Lawless

1970: Near the end of March, after almost a two-year hiatus, GM Robert Fischer returned to play in the USSR vs The Rest of the World team match. He was slated to play on 1st Board, but Bent Larsen objected. He had been playing and winning tournaments and considered himself the best player in the Western world. Fischer didn't argue; he stepped down to 2nd Board. He beat former world champion, GM Tigran Petrosian, 2 wins and 2 draws. Then Fischer played a 5-minute tournament at Herceg Novi; he came in 1st with a score of 17 wins, 4 draws, and 1 loss (to GM Viktor Korchnoi). He was 4.5 points ahead of 2nd place GM Mikhail Tal, who had 14.5 points. Bobby then proceeded to win two major tournaments in a row. In April, he won Rovinj/Zagreb with a score of 13-4, GM Vlastimil Hort, GM Svetozar Gligoric, GM Vasily Smyslov, and GM Viktor Korchnoi were tied for 2nd with 11 points. The Buenos Aires Tournament, held in July, was won with a score of 15-2, 3.5 points ahead of 2nd place finisher IM Vladimir Tukmakov.

Playing 1st Board for the US team at the Siegen Olympiad in September, he scored 8 wins, 4 draws, and 1 loss (to GM Boris Spassky.) His last tournament of the year in November, the Palma de Mallorca Interzonal, was the most important; he won it with a score of 15 wins, 7 draws, and 1 loss (to GM Bent Larsen.) He was 3.5 points ahead of 2nd place Larsen, who had 15 points!

Fischer's run of wins sparked chess interest around the world. Chess players became cool! Of course the Mechanics' Institute Chess Club, the premier Northern California chess club for over a century, was bursting at the seams with new and old players alike. Over the next couple of years, the MICC became even more crowded. During the day, business men came to play during their lunch and stayed for hours; they played for points on the ladder board. In the evening, players occupied most of the playing tables with clock and skittle games. Prodigies and older talents started soaking up rating points like sponges. The chess boom was just beginning!

(January 17-18) The Mechanics' Institute Amateur Tournament was won by Takashi Kurosaki (1897) (SF), Barry Kraft (1954) (San Rafael), and Rick Swanson (1695) (SF) who all tied for 1st with 4.5-.5. They won \$55 each. Anthony Hanak (SF) and David Obstfeldt (1878) (SF) both scored 4-1 to win \$15 each. The 60 player event was directed by Chess Room Director, Alan Bourke. The prize fund of \$320 was divided among 23 winners.

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE AMATEUR TOURNAMENT, JANUARY, 1970

	1	2	3	4	5	Score
1. T. Kurosaki	W42	D20	W24	W12	W 4	4½ - ½
2. B. Kraft	D28	W41	W29	W11	W 9	4½ - ½
3. R. Swanson	D 8	W52	W49	W10	W14	4½ - ½
4. A. Hanak	W16	W13	W35	W14	L 1	4 - 1
5. C. Barnes	W34	W17	W39	L 9	W19	4 - 1
6. D. Obstfeldt	W60	W18	L14	W25	W16	4 - 1
7. R. Gribble	W40	L14	W42	W39	W 8	4 - 1
8. C. Pardini	D 3	W33	W18	W31	L 7	3½ - 1½
9. J. Mathis	D48	W50	W20	W 5	L 2	3½ - 1½
10. A. Raymond	W53	W27	D11	L 3	W21	3½ - 1½
11. D. Draper	W55	W36	D10	L 2	W29	3½ - 1½
12. D. Naylin	W51	W38	D31	L 1	W27	3½ - 1½
13. C. Maddigan	W54	L 4	D37	W48	W15	3½ - 1½
14. M. Wilkerson	W22	W 7	W 6	L 4	L 3	3 - 2
15. K. Bach	W19	L31	W38	W30	L13	3 - 2
16. E. Prodingier	L 4	W54	W36	W17	L 6	3 - 2
17. B. Cross	W44	L 6	L 8	W40	W34	3 - 2
18. J. Votruba	L15	W28	W56	W34	L 5	3 - 2
19. R. Cuneo	W57	D 1	L 9	D43	W44	3 - 2
20. E. Mugnani	L39	W23	W52	W35	L10	3 - 2
21. A. Chu	L14	L40	W45	W46	W35	3 - 2
22. J. Cornwell	L14	L40	W45	W46	W35	3 - 2
23. F. Harrison*	L30	L21	W57	W56	W38	3 - 2
24. M. Gasse	W59	D49	L 1	D37	W43	3 - 2
25. B. Myers	L52	W59	W44	L 6	W49	3 - 2
26. J. Evans	L35	L34	W54	W55	W36	3 - 2
27. E. Lien	W47**	L10	D43	W28	L12	2½ - 2½
28. K. Low	D 2	L19	W50	L27	W51	2½ - 2½
29. S. Gee	D50	W48	L 2	W49	L11	2½ - 2½
30. S. B. Williams	W23	L39	W53	L15	D32	2½ - 2½
31. A. Gach	W43	W15	D12	L 8	---	2½ - 1½

	1	2	3	4	5	Score
32. K. Fong	L17	L56	W47	W58	D30	2½-2½
33. K. Lawless	D41	L 8	W40	L36	W48	2½-2½
34. H. Overholtzer	L 5	W26	W58	L19	L18	2 - 3
35. S. Kornher	W26	W58	L 4	L21	L22	2 - 3
36. R. Menaster	W37	L11	L16	W33	L26	2 - 3
37. H. Johnson	L36	W46	D13	D24	L17	2 - 3
38. V. Bedjanian	W45	L12	L15	W42	L23	2 - 3
39. R. Woods	W21	W30	L 5	L 7	---	2 - 2
40. A. Lengheimer	L 7	W22	L33	L18	W57	2 - 3
41. E. Silva	D33	L 2	L17	W54	D45	2 - 3
42. J. Hauser	L 1	W57	L 7	L38	W52	2 - 3
43. P. McEntire	L31	W55	D27	D20	L24	2 - 3
44. R. Smith*	L18	W60	L25	W53	L20	2 - 3
45. J. R. Moore	L38	D51	L22	W50	D41	2 - 3
46. B. Rekow*	L58	L37	W59	L22	W53	2 - 3
47. J. Loo	L27**	L53	L32	W59	W55	2 - 3
48. G. MacLeod	D 9	L29	W51	L13	L33	1½-3½
49. D. Nieder	W56	D24	L 3	L29	L25	1½-3½
50. W. Goss	D29	L 9	L28	L45	W59	1½-3½
51. R. Fitzsimons	L12	D45	L48	W52	L28	1½-3½
52. J. Yarbrough*	W25	L 3	L21	L51	L42	1 - 4
53. H. L. Gardella	L10	W47	L30	L44	L46	1 - 4
54. M. Kaufman*	L13	L16	L26	L41	BYE	1 - 4
55. M. Segal	L11	L43	BYE	L26	L47	1 - 4
56. C. Huneke	L49	W32	L19	L23	---	1 - 4
57. R. Savicki*	L20	L42	L23	BYE	L40	1 - 4
58. H. Bradley	W46	L35	L34	L32	---	1 - 4
59. A. Gross*	L24	L25	L46	L47	L50	0 - 5
60. D. Bennett	L 6	L44	---	---	---	0 - 5

* (Before rating) Indicates first USCF tournament.
 ** (After game result) Indicates forfeit.

(January to May) The M.I. entered two teams into the 1970 San Francisco Bay Area Chess League. 140 Total players competed in the league.

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA CHESS LEAGUE, 1970						
	1	2	3	4	5	Matches Points
1. Univ. of California	X	6½	4½	2	5½	3 - 1 18½-9½
2. Castle Chess Club	½	X	5	5½	4½	3 - 1 15½-12½
3. Mechanics' Institute I	2½	2	X	5	4½	2 - 2 14 -14
4. Kearny St. Irregulars	5	1½	2	X	4½	2 - 2 13 -15
5. Mechanics' Inst. II	1½	2½	2½	2½	X	0 - 4 9 -19

(July 3-5) The 7th Annual Arthur B. Stamer Tournament was won by IM Julio Kaplan (2408) (Berkeley), Gilbert Ramirez (2227) (Daly City), Dennis Fritzinger (2158) (SF), and Jairo Gutierrez (2108) (SF) who all tied for 1st with a score of 5.5-.5. They received \$137.50 each. The tourney had 101 players and was directed by Mike Goodall. It had a total prize fund of \$1190.

Expert: Art Wang (2122) (Oakland), Aki Kanamori (2109) (SF), Ed Syrett (2097) (Stanford) all had a score of 4.5-1.5 and received \$53.33 each.

A: John Farwell (1820) (Ft. Ord) won with a score of 5-1 and received \$60. Al Raymond (1964) (SF) and Anthony DiMilo (1830) (Rancho Cardova) tied for 2nd with scores of 4-2 and received \$27.50 each.

B: Charles Pardini (1765) (SF) won with a score of 4.5-1.5 and received \$45; Charles Maddigan (1796) (Oakland) came in 2nd with 3.5-2.5 and received \$30. Kerry Lawless (1722*) (San Leandro), Elmo Mugnani (1704) (SF), Earle Ipsen (1698) (SF), Paul McEntire (Palo Alto), and Laroy O'Doan (1676) (Vallejo) had scores of 3-3 and received \$3 each.

C: Lee Henderson (1527*) (Rohnert Park) won with a score of 3.5-2.5 and received \$30. George Currie (1466#) (SF), Larry Shapiro (1403#) (SF), King Low (1593) (SF), and John Narcisi (1576) (Oakland) scored 2-4 and received \$7.50 each.

SEVENTH ANNUAL A.B. STAMER MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT, JULY 3-5, 1970						
	1	2	3	4	5	Score
1. J. Kaplan	W61	W23	D4	W58	W14	W18 5½-½
2. G. Ramirez	W98	W26	W20	W19	W5	D3 5½-½
3. D. Fritzinger	W84	W35	W21	W42	W13	D2 5½-½

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score
4. J. Gutierrez	W50	W71	D1	W43	W30	W19	5½- ½
5. F. Thorndally	W51	W33	W18	W17	L2	W21	5 - 1
6. J. Farwell	W12	W89	19	W25	W20	W13	5 - 1
7. J. Schmitt	D40	D62	W72	W69	W42	D11	4½-1½
8. A. Wang	D63	L11	W61	W40	W33	W36	4½-1½
9. A. Kanamori	W90	W44	W6	L2	D36	W34	4½-1½
10. E. Syrett	D97	W92	W38	L14	W39	W*	4½-1½
11. C. Pardini	L20	W8	W68	W24	W41	D7	4½-1½
12. J. Grefe	L6	W84	W28	D34	W43	D22	4 - 2
13. R. Wilcox	W37	W25	W19	W41	L3	L6	4 - 2
14. E. Osburn	D62	W40	W27	W10	L1	D23	4 - 2
15. C. Harmon	W75	W69	W41	L36	W72	W45	4 - 2
16. D. Blohm	W96	W34	L42	W35	L21	W47	4 - 2
17. J. Acers	W67	W35	W33	L5	D23	D26	4 - 2
18. M. Burkett	W76	W59	L5	W44	W46	L1	4 - 2
19. R. Hoppe	W77	W60	L13	W45	W47	L4	4 - 2
20. B. Menas	W11	W49	L2	W59	L6	W46	4 - 2
21. E. Rosenthal	W99	W64	L3	W60	W16	L5	4 - 2
22. C. Garwin	W79	D38	W39	L30	W48	D12	4 - 2
23. D. Reynolds	W53	L1	W75	W60	D17	D14	4 - 2
24. D. Saqui	W80	L30	W74	L11	W73	W55	4 - 2
25. C. Jones	W81	L13	W37	L6	W49	W50	4 - 2
26. A. Sacks	W91	L2	D62	W38	W29	D17	4 - 2
27. A. Raymond	D54	W93	L14	W87	W58	D35	4 - 2
28. A. Dimilio	W86	L41	L12	W78	W57	W42	4 - 2
29. D. Keeler	W70	W48	L43	W62	L26	W60	4 - 2
3½ Points:	30. J. Lazos, 31. S. Schwartz, 32. M. Cavallo, 33. G. Rey, 34. R. Hammie, 35. A. Laverne, 36. S. Kornher, 37. R. Melniker, 38. L. Henderson, 39. J. Wallan, 40. C. Maddigan.						
3 Points:	41. A. Hanak, 42. N. Wood, 43. A. Benson, 44. G. Wilson, 45. R. Klein, 46. K. Bendit, 47. R. Santiago, 48. E. McNally, 49. K. Lawless, 50. E. Mugnani, 51. E. Ipsen, 52. P. McEntire, 53. L. O'Doan, 54. K. Burnett, 55. G. Anima, 56. M. Chee, 57. B. Keeney.						
2½ Points:	58. D. Waterman, 59. C. Barnes, 60. S. Gee, 61. A. Saguisag, 62. C. Wilson, 63. E. Lien, 64. E. Prodingier, 65. G. Roust, 66. W. Stuart, 67. D. Sims.						
2 Points:	68. P. Grey, 69. J. Jaffray, 70. D. Nieder, 71. H. Mohrmann, 72. R. Roubal, 73. H. Bradley, 74. Dr. B. Gross, 75. E. Cuneo, 76. R. Gribble, 77. M. Gasse, 78. J. Ulrich, 79. R. Smith, 80. K. Low, 81. J. Narcisi, 82. R. Currie, 83. L. Shapiro, 84. W. Raudenbusch, 85. K. Black, 86. T. O'Hagan.						
1½ Points:	87. C. Cusack, 88. M. Lucas.						
1 Point:	89. C. Capps, 90. R. Astle, 91. W. McClintock, 92. G. Macleod, 93. K. Fong, 94. R. Caradien, 95. H. Baruch.						
½ Point:	96. R. Black 97. R. Feliciano.						
0 Points:	98. R. Freeman, 99. P. Vayssie, 100. M. Segal, 101. L. Weinstein.						

(September) George Kane (2107) and Jude Acers (2136) played a match. George won with a score of 3.5-1.5. They played in a little room, in the outer hallway, opposite the office door. The room is no longer there.

(October 10-11) MI Fall Rating Tournament. C. Bill Jones (2033) and J. Wallan tied for 1st with 3.5-.5.

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE FALL RATING, OCTOBER 10-11, 1970							
	1	2	3	4	Score		
1. C. Bill Jones	W15	W9	W8	D3	3½-½		
2. J. Wallan	W8	D12	W7	W6	3½-½		
3. C. Capps	W4	W5	D6	D1	3 - 1		
4. L. O'Doan	L3	W20	W17	W10	3 - 1		
5. M. Rappaport	W20	L3	W19	W9	3 - 1		
6. C. Barnes	W14	W17	D3	L2	2½-1½		
7. Dr. B. Gross	W11	D8	L2	W19	2½-1½		
8. B. Menas	W13	D7	L1	W15	2½-1½		
2 Points:	9. R. Cuneo, 10. R. Fong						
1½ Points:	11. R. Caradien, 12. P. Grey, 13. R. Pina.						
1 Point:	14. K. Black, 15. H. Cusack, 16. R. Feliciano, 17. D. Moser, 18. H. Ringold, 19. M. Segal.						
0 Points:	20. G. Fitzer						

(November 7-8) The Northern California Qualifying Tournament for the State Championship was won by Dennis Fritzingier (2205) (SF) with a score of 5-0; he received \$175. GM Walter Browne (2475) (Berkeley) and John Grefe (2188) (Berkeley) tied for 2nd with a score of 4.5-.5 and received \$52.50 each. 51 Players competed in the event. The tournament was directed by Charles Savary.

Expert: William Bills (2188) (SF), David Blohm (2162) (Berkeley), Peter Gould (2157) (Palo Alto), and C. Bill Jones (2033) (Redwood City) scored 4-1 and received \$16.25 each.

A: Bernard Lainson (1978) (Monterey) won with a score of 4-1; he received \$35. Craig Barnes (1886) (Berkeley) and Rod Bobo (1874) (Fresno) both scored 3.5-1.5 and received \$10 each.

B: Bradley Mills (1663) (Santa Cruz) won with a score of 3-2 and received \$18. Curtis Wilson (Lafayette) and Eugene Lien (1778) (Berkeley) both scored 2.5-2.5 and received \$8 each.

C: Marcos Costa (1579*) (Albany) and Ronald Smith (1547*) (Mt. View) scored 3-2 and received \$18 each.

Unrated: Gency Anima (SF) scored 3-2 and received \$25.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAMPIONSHIP, NOVEMBER 7-8, 1970.

	1	2	3	4	5	Score
1. D. Fritzinger	W29	W8	W44	W21	W4	5 - 0
2. W. Browne	W23	W11	W32	W6	D3	4½ - ½
3. J. Grefe	W20	W37	W22	W15	D2	4½ - ½
4. W. Bills	W17	W9	W13	W24	L1	4 - 1
5. D. Blohm	W38	L21	W17	W37	W19	4 - 1
6. P. Gould	W39	W10	W28	L2	W16	4 - 1
7. C. Bill Jones	W31	W36	D24	D9	W15	4 - 1
8. B. Lainsen	W48	L1	W46	W12	W18	4 - 1
9. C. Barnes	W49	L4	W30	D7	W21	3½ - 1½
10. R. Bobo	W12	L6	W35	W13	D11	3½ - 1½
11. A. LaVergne	W51	L2	W39	W23	D10	3½ - 1½
12. G. Anima	L10	W14	W47	L8	W29	3 - 2
13. C. Capps	W14	W30	L4	L10	W38	3 - 2
14. M. Costa	L13	L12	W41	W46	W37	3 - 2
15. Dr. B. Gross	W42	W44	W31	L3	L7	3 - 2
16. D. Maxwell	W50	L24	W38	W22	L6	3 - 2
17. B. Mills	L4	W47	L5	W34	W36	3 - 2
18. M. Rappaport	W43	L22	W26	W35	L8	3 - 2
19. A. Saguisag	W40	L32	W27	W25	L5	3 - 2
20. R. Smith	L3	L34	W48	W43	W33	3 - 2
21. J. Wallan	W41	W5	W34	L1	L9	3 - 2
22. N. Wood	W33	W18	L3	L16	W30	3 - 2

2½ Points: 23. E. Lien, 24. D. Waterman, 25. C. Wilson.
2 Points: 26. K. Burns, 27. S. Dinerstein, 28. P. Grey, 29. R. Gribble,
 30. E. Ipsen, 31. M. Johnson, 32. H. Mayer, 33. W. McClintock,
 34. J. Monerde, 35. L. O'Doan, 36. T. Sailor, 37. D. Switkes
 38. J. Votruba.
1½ Points: 39. R. Pina, 40. J. Wolf.
1 Point: 41. J. Anderson, 42. E. Delgado, 43. C. LaRocca, 44. B. Menas
 45. E. Osburn, 46. C. Ravini, 47. J. Register, 48. M. Segal.
0 Points: 49. D. Anderson, 50. K. Quertner, 51. E. Yeung.

(November 14) GM Walter Browne (2475) gave a 32 game, 4 hour, simultaneous exhibition. He won 28, drew Luis Givt and Randell Feliciano (1678), and lost to Charles Pardini (1765) and Gary Johnson.

(December 12-13) The San Francisco City Championship was won by GM Walter Browne (2493) (Berkeley) with a 5-0 score and he received \$175. Tied for 2nd were James Tarjan (2354), Ted Syrett (2097), Donald Dean (2086), C. Bill Jones (2109), and Larry Hughes who scored 4-1 and \$35 each. Michael Goodall directed the 58 players. The tourney had a prize fund of \$515.

A: Max Wilkerson (1996) and Anthony DiMilo (1975) both scored 3.5-1.5 and received \$27.50 each.

B: Charles Pardini (1765) scored 3.5-1.5 and received \$25. Jeremy Ets-Hokin (1671) and Curtis Wilson (1798) both scored 2.5-2.5 and received \$7.50 each.

C: Gary Tuttle (1538) scored 2.5-2.5 and received \$20. Marcos Costa (1541) and Frank Flynn (1565*) both scored 2-3 and received \$5 each.

Unrated: Gency Anima scored 3.5-1.5 and received \$25. Theodore Sailor scored 3-2 and received \$15.

SAN FRANCISCO CITY CHAMPIONSHIP, DECEMBER 12-13, 1970.

	1	2	3	4	5	Score
1. W. Browne	W40	W13	W12	W8	W4	5 - 0
2. D. Dean	W35	W26	D3	W15	D5	4 - 1
3. C. Hughes	W49	W27	D2	W31	D11	4 - 1
4. C. Bill Jones	W55	W38	W6	W24	L1	4 - 1
5. E. Syrett	W42	D32	W29	W9	D2	4 - 1
6. J. Tarjan	W52	W21	L4	W18	W17	4 - 1
7. G. Anima	L20	W41	D46	W45	W40	3½ - 1½
8. W. Bills	W44	W19	W16	L1	D13	3½ - 1½
9. A. DiMilo	W58	W11	D15	L5	W22	3½ - 1½
10. D. Fritzinger	W36	L16	W38	W21	D12	3½ - 1½
11. P. Gould	W23	L9	W52	W19	D3	3½ - 1½
12. T. Kurosaki	W34	W46	L1	W26	D10	3½ - 1½
13. A. LaVergne	W30	L1	W41	W14	D8	3½ - 1½
14. C. Pardini	W39	W17	D18	L13	W31	3½ - 1½
15. D. Waterman	W41	W22	D4	L2	W24	3½ - 1½

	1	2	3	4	5	Score
16. M. Wilkerson	W46	W10	L8	D27	W32	3½ - 1½
17. C. Capps	W53	L14	W43	W20	L6	3 - 2
18. P. Grey	D37	W28	D14	L6	W43	3 - 2
19. Dr. B. Gross	W50	L8	W34	L11	W35	3 - 2
20. M. Rappaport	W7	L15	W30	L17	W39	3 - 2
21. R. Swanson	W47	L6	W35	L10	W34	3 - 2
22. T. Sailor	L38	W55	W40	W46	L9	3 - 2
23. N. Wood	L11	L30	W38	W42	W61	3 - 2
<u>2½ Points:</u>	24. M. Burkett, 25. Byrne, 26. J. Ets-Hokin, 27. B. Menas,					
	28. J. Montede, 29. R. Roubal, 30. Tuttle, 31. A. Wang,					
	32. C. Wilson.					
<u>2 Points:</u>	33. R. Alexander, 34. M. Costa, 35. S. Dinerstein, 36. C.					
	LaRocca, 40. E. Lien, 41. F. Luederitz, 42. F. Penoyer, 43.					
	J. Votruba.					
<u>1½ Points:</u>	44. C. Falbo, 45. C. Hunske, 46. K. Lawless,					
<u>1 Point:</u>	47. K. Burnett, 48. M. Devitr, 49. Emke, 50. K. Quertner,					
	51. A. Lengheimer, 52. D. Litowsky, 53. R. Pina, 54. Rekow.					
<u>0 Points:</u>	55. D. Bennett, 56. Delgado, 57. Pierce, 58. M. Segal.					

SF City Championship, December 12, 1970

GM Walter Browne (2493)-Takashi Kurosaki (2092)

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 g6 5. Nc3 Bg7 6. Be3 Nf6 7. Bc4 O-O 8. Bb3 Qc7 9. f3 a6 10. Qd2 b5 11. O-O-O Bb7 12. h4 Na5 13. h5 Nxb3+ 14. axb3 Rac8 15. Kb1 Bc6 16. Nf5 gxf5 17. h6 b4 18. hxg7 Rfd8 19. Bd4 f4 20. Bxf6 exf6 21. Qf2 bxc3 22. Qh4 Kxg7 23. Qh6+ Kg8 24. Rh4 f5 25. exf5 1-0



Position after Black's move, **15...Bc6**. White to move.

(December 27-29) California State Championship was won by Dennis Fritzinger (2264) (SF) and Charles Henin (2199) (Sherman Oaks) who tied for 1st with scores of 6-3 and each received \$125. The total prize fund was \$600.

Julius Loftsson (2160) (LA) 5.5-3.5

Harry Mayer (2156) (Oakland) 5.4

Ross Stoutenborough (2288) (Riverside) 5-4

Donald Dean (2086) (Oakland) 4.5-4.5

Erik Osbun (2184) (San Jose), 4.5-4.5

Kim Commons (2212) (LA), 3.5-5.5

William Bragg (1967) (Santa Monica), 3-6

Michael Ewell (2007) (Monterey), 2-7

Mechanics' Institute Chess Room Director, Raymond J. Conway, and Guthrie McClain directed the 10 player event, held under the auspices of the California State Chess Federation. Martin E. Morrison, USCF Region VIII Vice-President, said, "Henin, the previous years champion, lost his chance for a clear win by an unsound sacrifice in the final round."

1971: GM Robert Fischer shutout of GM Mark Taimanov, in May, by a score of 6-0 was totally unexpected. Even the Soviets expected Bobby to win, but not like this. The Candidate results started appearing in the local newspapers. The second Candidates match in July, with GM Bent Larson, ended with an unprecedented second score of 6-0. The chess world went crazy. Bent later admitted that he tried to win drawn positions; definitely a bad idea. In the third match, from late September and into October, GM Tigran Petrosian managed to break Bobby's winning streak, but still lost the match 6.5-2.5.

Many times Northern California and San Francisco champion, and long time MI member, Carroll Mather Capps died on January 15.

(January-April) San Francisco Bay Area Team Tournament results. There were still unfinished games still to be played.

	1	2	3	4	5	Matches	Points
1. Univ. of California	X	5	4	4½	-	3 - 0	13½ - 6½
2. Castle Chess Club	1	X	6	4½	-	2 - 1	11½ - 8½
3. Oriental Mafia	3	1	X	-	4½	1 - 2	8½ - 12½
4. San Francisco State	2½	2½	-	X	-	0 - 2	5 - 9
5. Mechanics' Institute	-	-	2½	-	X	0 - 1	2½ - 4½

(June 5-6) The Mechanics' Institute Summer Rating Tournament was won by Dennis Fritzinger (2265), Craig Barnes (2081), and Charles Pardini (2003) who tied for 1st with 4-0. Richard Shorman directed the event.

MECHANICS INSTITUTES' SUMMER RATING TOURNAMENT, JUNE 5-6, 1971					
	1	2	3	4	Score
1. D. Fritzing	W25	W17	W11	W8	4 - 0
2. C. Barnes	W27	W58	W32	W14	4 - 0
3. C. Pardini	W29	W23	W15	W7	4 - 0
4. C. Bill Jones	D18	W10	W21	W20	3½ - ½
5. R. Wolf	W12	D37	W36	W30	3½ - ½
6. W. Bills	L11	W47	W34	W18	3 - 1
7. D. Dean	W26	W13	W30	L3	3 - 1
8. R. Anderson	BYE	W28	W38	L1	3 - 1
9. W. Dorne	W28	L26	W37	W31	3 - 1
10. L. Jones	W59	L4	W50	W32	3 - 1
11. G. Anima	W6	W59	L1	W38	3 - 1
12. R. Gabrielson	L5	W46	W41	W39	3 - 1
13. F. Ulrich	W41	L7	W56	W23	3 - 1
14. W. Heaton	W51	W54	W22	L2	3 - 1
15. R. Dusatko	W61	W56	L3	W25	3 - 1
16. R. Aguilar	W34	L32	W26	W27	3 - 1
17. S. Sawyer	W48	L1	W35	D19	2½ - 1½
18. Dr. K. Bach	D4	W29	W*	L6	2½ - 1½
19. C. Shiffett	W53	D21	D20	D17	2½ - 1½
20. W. Allen	W43	W36	D19	L4	2½ - 1½
21. L. Belcask	W35	D19	L4	W42	2½ - 1½
2 Points: 22. T. Kurosaki, 23. M. Burkett, 24. P. Grey, 25. J. Lemke, 26. R. Roubal, 27. Dr. B. Gross, 28. M. Costa, 29. E. Lien, 30. J. Ets-Hokin, 31. R. Feliciano, 32. K. Fong, 33. A. Lengheimer, 34. K. Burns, 35. R. Caradien, 36. D. Bennett, 37. F. Watsky, 38. G. Currie, 39. R. Tacorda, 40. L. O'Doan.					
1½ Points: 41. R. J. Henry, 42. P. Shannon, 43. T. Terman, 44. A. Ringer, 45. D. Hubbard, 46. W. Rockwell, 47. A. Friedman, 48. R. Cuneo, 49. R. Pims, 50. T. Sailor, 51. C. Lamb, 52. J. Narcisi, 53. M. Lindstrom, 54. M. Pool, 55. K. Guertner, 56. E. Henry, 57. G. Lydeard.					
½ Point: 58. J. Yarbrough.					
No Points: 59. L. Bignami, 60. M. Griffis, 61. D. McQuiston, 62. J. Quinn.					

(July 3-5) The 8th Annual Arthur B. Stamer Memorial was won by Jim McCormick (2199) and David Blohm (2135) who tied for 1st with 5.5-.5. They each received \$225. Charles Pardini directed the 94 player, \$1,000 prize fund event.

8TH ANNUAL A.B. STAMER MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT, JULY 3-5, 1971							
	1	2	3	4	5	Score	
1. J. McCormick	W21	W62	D15	W52	W10	5½ - ½	
2. D. Blohm	W56	W28	W40	W25	D7	5½ - ½	
3. G. Kane	D43	W45	W20	W39	W8	5 - 1	
4. D. Clark	D35	W74	W43	W17	W14	5 - 1	
5. D. Fritzing	W63	D52	W53	W29	W22	L2	4½ - 1½
6. C. Bill Jones	W57	L17	W46	W19	W29	D12	4½ - 1½
7. D. Waterman	W44	W30	W41	W14	D2	L1	4½ - 1½
8. T. Kurosaki	W46	W19	D17	W15	L3	W18	4½ - 1½
9. C. Barnes	W34	L18	W65	W*	W42	D13	4½ - 1½
10. D. Amkraut	W66	W32	L29	D*	W27	W26	4½ - 1½

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score
11. B. Menas	W49	W54	W18	D22	L1	W28	4½ - 1½
12. C. Maddigan	W73	W37	L22	W61	W21	D6	4½ - 1½
13. S. Gross	W68	W38	L14	W56	W34	D9	4½ - 1½
14. W. Bills	W64	W16	W13	L7	L4	W36	4 - 2
15. N. Wood	W92	W48	D1	L8	W54	D20	4 - 2
16. R. Swanson	W84	L14	L49	W47	W68	W51	4 - 2
17. Z. Ben-Porat	W71	W6	D8	L4	D39	W65	4 - 2
18. A. Sagulias	W86	W9	L12	W23	W25	L7	4 - 2
19. Dr. K. Bach	W76	L8	W71	L6	W48	W40	4 - 2
20. E. Jaaska	D51	W60	L3	W74	W75	D15	4 - 2
21. G. Roust	L1	W70	W38	W33	L12	W41	4 - 2

3½ Points: 22. Z. Baroudi, 23. B. Popoff, 24. M. Burkett, 25. W. Dorne, 26. G. Anima, 27. D. Obstfeld, 28. P. Grey, 29. T. Dorsch, 30. W. Heaton, 31. F. Berry, 32. R. Alexander, 33. J. Veguilla, 34. L. Bignami, 35. F. Wreden, 36. C. Shiffett, 37. R. Aguilar, 38. W. Allen, 39. M. Wilkerson, 40. S. Kornher, 41. G. Lee, 42. C. Sullivan, 43. R. Menaster, 44. K. Burnett, 45. M. Costa, 46. R. Gribble, 47. R. Fong, 48. B. Nelson, 49. T. Sailor, 50. P. Welker, 51. G. Wollman.

2½ Points: 52. L. Jones, 53. R. Gabrielson, 54. Dr. B. Gross, 55. R. Freeman, 56. C. Wilson, 57. J. Cornwell, 58. G. Kobliksa, 59. M. Pool, 60. E. Alsuasa,

2 Points: 61. T. Pohl, 62. A. Dimilo, 63. F. Fenoyer, 64. E. Magnani, 65. W. Lambert, 66. L. O'Doan, 67. H. Maser, 68. W. Noble, 69. R. Smith, 70. J. Szepanski, 71. G. Currie,

1½ Points: 72. A. Friedman, 73. K. Halligan, 74. W. Waddell, 75. J. Narcisi, 76. D. Burleigh, 77. E. Sprinsock,

1 Point: 78. G. Ramirez, 79. V. Radaikin, 80. J. Jaffray, 81. R. Black, 82. F. Ulrich, 83. A. Gullmes, 84. J. Horwath, 85. R. Mullins, 86. P. Bell, 87. Elsie Lee,

½ Point: 88. A. Hanak, 89. R. Caradien, 90. W. Rockwell,

0 Points: 91. J. Peterson, 92. R. Feliciano, 93. M. Griffis, 94. R. Shepard.

(August 23) GM Florin Gheorghiu gave a simultaneous exhibition and scored 20 wins and 4 draws; with Alan Benson (2028) (Oakland), Fred Demanuele (Toronto, Canada), Roger Gabrielson (1816) (Berkeley), and John Peterson (1868) (San Jose).

(September 17) IM Hans Ree (The Netherlands) gave a 30-board simul scoring 19 wins, 5 loses, and 6 draws. Winners were Rendon Holloway (1691*) (Newark), William Bills (2172) (SF), Marcos Costa (1725) (Albany), Walter Heaton (1871) (SF), and Martin Sullivan (1432#) (San Leandro). Players with half-points were Alan Benson (2028) (Oakland), Harry Overholtzer (1816) (SF), Kevin Fong (1639) (SF), Albert Curz (SF), Romulo Aguilar (SF), and Steve Sawyer (1989) (SF).

(October 23-25) The 1st Annual Carroll M. Capps Memorial was directed by Alan Benson and Charles Pardini. 81 Players participated in the event which had a \$1,100 prize fund.

Open: IM J. Kaplan (2438) (Berkeley) won with a score of 5.5-.5, he received \$300. Dennis Fritzing (2214) (Berkeley) and Eleuterio Alsasua (Unrated) (SF) tied for 2nd with a 5-1 score; they received \$100 each.

Expert: David Forthoffer (2116) (Berkeley) and Rex Wilcox (2195) (SF) tied with a 5-1 score and received \$100 each. William Bills (2170) (SF), C. Bill Jones (2115) (Redwood City), Max Burkett (2083) (SF), and Tom Maser (Berkeley) scored 4.5-1.5 and received \$7.50 each.

A: Norman Wood (1998) (Vallejo), John Jaffray (1932) (SF), Randall Hough (1895) (Stockton), Gencey Anima (1969) (SF) all scored 4-2 and received \$28.75 each.

B: Marcos Costa (1729) (Albany) won the 1st B prize of \$45 with a scored of 4-2. Randall Feliciano (1705) (SF), Ronald Watson (1692#) (SF), Andy Rood (1771#) (Stanford), Earl Phillips (San Bernardino), and Gary Kobliska (1682*) (Berkeley) all scored 3-3 and received \$9 each.

C: Michael Koblentz (1505#) (Berkeley) scored 4-2 and received \$30. Michael Pool (1459) (SF), Martin Sullivan (1432#) (San Leandro), and Jack Nitzberg (1335#) (San Rafael) all scored 2.5-3.5 and received \$10 each.

Unrated: Romulo Aguilar (SF) and Alan Hawkins (Hayward) scored 3-3 and received \$22.50 each.

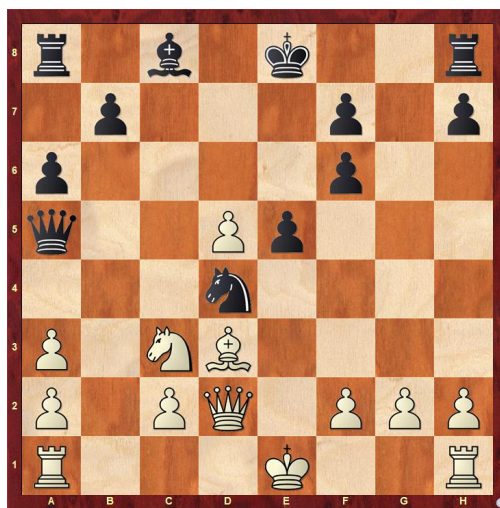
Senior: Boris Popov (SF) won with a score of 4-2; he received \$30.

Brilliancy Award: Borel Menas (2013) (SF) who only scored 3-3, receive the award because of two games he played.

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score
1. J. Kaplan	W38	W33	W8	W30	D2	W9	5½-½
2. D. Fritzinger	W40	W34	W19	W11	D1	D6	5-1
3. R. Wilcox	W75	W18	W28	D22	D6	W15	5-1
4. D. Forthoffer	W57	L19	W75	W36	W20	W11	5-1
5. E. Alasua	L36	W58	W37	W18	W33	W12	5-1
6. G. Ramirez	W39	W24	D9	W25	D3	D2	4½-1½
7. W. Billis	W47	W36	D29	D27	D24	W23	4½-1½
8. C. Bill Jones	W42	W26	L1	W29	D27	W24	4½-1½
9. M. Burkett	W59	W55	D6	W28	W22	L1	4½-1½
10. T. Maser	W61	W37	L30	D26	W25	W27	4½-1½
11. J. Tarjan	W68	W15	W12	L2	W17	L4	4-2
12. P. Manetti	W41	W74	L11	W19	W34	L5	4-2
13. B. Popov	D38	D50	L47	W31	W39	W29	4-2
14. D. Saqui	W64	W46	L22	L20	W40	W35	4-2
15. C. Barnes	W62	L11	W58	W40	W21	L3	4-2
16. N. Wood	W78	L22	W49	L21	W47	W36	4-2
17. G. Anima	W51	L30	W50	W43	L11	W38	4-2
18. J. Jaffray	W79	L3	W61	L5	W41	W44	4-2
19. R. Hough	W44	W4	L2	L12	W59	W33	4-2
20. M. Costa	L22	W*	W65	W14	L4	W34	4-2
21. M. Koblentz	L24	W39	W*	W16	L15	W46	4-2
22. D. Waterman	W20	W16	W14	D3	L9	-	3½-2½
23. D. Krause	W60	D27	L25	W67	W26	L7	3½-2½
24. S. Sawyer	W21	L6	W48	W57	D7	L8	3½-2½
25. L. Bignami	D52	W43	W23	L6	L10	W50	3½-2½
26. W. Heaton	W54	L8	W51	D10	L23	W52	3½-2½
27. R. Alexander	W65	D23	W31	D7	D8	L10	3½-2½
28. Dr. K. Bach	W81	W73	L3	L9	W60	D31	3½-2½
29. Dr. E. Gross	W72	W32	D7	L8	W51	L13	3½-2½
3 Points: 30. J. Gutierrez, 31. A. Wang, 32. M. Wilkerson, 33. B. Menas, 34. S. Cross, 35. P. Gray, 36. H. Rosenbaum, 37. J. Peterson, 38. A. Rood, 39. E. Phillips, 40. R. Feliciano							

(December 2) Alan Bourke (2215) - Jude Acers (2408) Third match game at the Mechanics' Institute Chess Club. (The ratings were supplied by Jude.)

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 e5 6. Ndb5 d6 7. Bg5 a6 8. Bxf6 gxf6 9. Na3 d5 10. exd5 Bxa3 11. bxa3 Qa5 12. Qd2 Nd4 13. Bd3 Bh3 14. O-O Nf3+ 15. gxf3 Rg8+ 0-1



Position after White's move, 13. Bd3. Black to move.

(December 4-5) The Northern California Championship was won by Jim Tarjan (2403) (Berkeley) and Dennis Fritzinger (2202) (Redwood City) with scores of 4.5-.5. It was directed by Alan Benson.

1972: GM Robert Fischer beat GM Boris Spassky, 12.5-8.5, to win the World Championship, held from July into September. Fischer fever raised chess popularity, in the US, to levels never seen before or since.

(May 13-14) The Summer Rating Tournament was 4-Round tourney with 63 players, and it was directed by Charles Pardini. (The time control was 40 moves in 2 hours and it had a \$5 entry.)

(May 28) At the 1972 California State Chess Federation meeting, held at the Mechanics' Institute, MI members Guthrie McClain and Henry Gross, and Chess Room Director Ray Conway were elected to the Northern California Board of Directors for 1972.

(June 17) Larry Gilden (2313), chess master and philosopher, gave a very interesting lecture and simultaneous exhibition on 26 boards, losing to Frank Eng (SF) and drawing with Eugene S. Lien (1681) (Berkeley), David H. Krause (2050) (Mill Valley), Joe Tracy (SF), and Elsie Lee (SF).

(June 21) James Tarjan (2374) gave a 14-board simultaneous exhibition and scored 13 wins and 1 draw to Kevin Fong (1716) (SF).

(July 1-4) The 9th Annual Arthur B. Stamer Memorial Open was won by Rex Wilcox by a score of 7-1. Alan Benson directed the event which had a prize fund of \$1500. It was played at the rate of 40/2.

	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Score
1. R. Wilcox	2236	W58	W20	L33	W25	W34	W44	W10	W8	7 - 1
2. K. Smith	2418	W27	W8	D13	W61	W42	D7	W4	D6	6½-1½
3. L. Gilden	2313	W92	W34	L22	W19	W72	D12	D5	W14	6½-1½
4. C. Bill Jones	2186	W39	W50	D16	W76	W5	W30	L2	W15	6½-1½
5. J. McCormick	2172	W52	W9	W17	W33	L4	W18	D3	W11	6½-1½
6. R. Rodriguez	--	L11	W*	W50	W63	W93	W42	W30	D2	6½-1½
7. T. Kurosaki	2251	W113	W72	D32	W74	W13	D2	L8	W26	6 - 2
8. E. Alsasua	2015	W114	L2	W54	W95	W29	W43	W7	L1	6 - 2
9. J. Sjogren	1818	W91	L5	L58	W83	W102	W24	W22	W21	6 - 2
10. J. Tarjan	2374	W70	W71	D60	W32	D12	W22	L1	D19	5½-2½
11. J. Grefe	2367	W6	L23	W53	D44	W71	W62	W33	L5	5½-2½
12. C. Barnes	2163	W53	W49	W23	D42	D10	L3	W20	D18	5½-2½
13. T. Dorsch	2112	W40	W37	D2	W18	L7	W64	L15	W38	5½-2½
14. F. Metz	2071	W28	W24	L42	W77	D20	W27	W31	L3	5½-2½
15. R. Gabrielson	2055	W81	W63	L31	D49	W39	W61	W13	L4	5½-2½
16. D. Krause	2050	W41	W73	D4	L30	W37	L20	W34	W36	5½-2½
17. H. Mayer	2044	W95	W45	L5	D27	W49	L33	W64	W41	5½-2½
18. M. Sullivan	1944	W106	W75	W21	L13	W60	L5	W53	D12	5½-2½
19. W. Noble	1894	W107	L33	W67	L3	W87	W28	W29	D10	5½-2½
20. K. Henckel	--	W36	L1	W26	W46	D14	W16	L12	W42	5½-2½

21. D. Anderson	2146	W111	W77	L18	L47	W50	W25	W48	L3	5 - 3
22. D. Dean	2098	W79	W23	W3	D11	D23	L10	L9	W	5 - 3
23. B. Hanson	1995	W112	W11	L12	W40	D22	L31	W37	D27	5 - 3
24. Dr. R. Farley	1889	W89	L14	L41	W68	WYE	L9	W66	W53	5 - 3
25. R. Menaster	1861	W115	L22	W57	L1	W92	L21	W86	W55	5 - 3
26. R. Carlisle	1816	L69	W86	L20	W84	W59	W75	W35	L7	5 - 3
27. K. Lawless	1808	L2	W106	W38	D17	W74	L14	W62	D23	5 - 3
28. A. Hawkins	1658	L14	W91	W10	L34	W46	L19	W76	W47	5 - 3
29. M. Toney	1651	L74	W116	W105	W35	L8	W47	L19	W48	5 - 3
30. D. Fritzinger	2294	W59	W99	D61	W16	W31	L4	L6	-	4½-3½
31. A. Wang	2203	W51	W57	W15	D22	L30	W23	L14	-	4½-3½
32. C. Pardini	2094	W66	W48	D7	L10	L64	W58	L36	W57	4½-3½
33. T. Maser	2081	W80	W19	W1	L5	D41	W17	L11	-	4½-3½
34. S. Kornher	1982	W84	L3	W111	W28	L1	D36	L16	W67	4½-3½
35. L. Schonbrun	1950	W86	D93	D76	L23	W95	W54	L26	D39	4½-3½
36. Dr. R. Gross	1859	L20	W85	W84	W75	L44	D34	W32	L16	4½-3½
37. A. DiMilo	1838	W90	L13	W87	D62	L16	W40	L23	W63	4½-3½
38. M. Dickson	1783	L43	D96	L27	W80	W*	W63	W74	L13	4½-3½
39. D. Thomson	1773	L4	W89	W78	D71	L15	D76	W75	D35	4½-3½
40. R. Byrne	1716	L13	W108	W99	L23	D63	L37	W87	W70	4½-3½
41. J. Corrig	1652	L16	W59	W24	W73	D33	D60	D42	L17	4½-3½
4 Points:	42. Gil Ramirez, 43. Dennis Waterman, 44. Trevor Ray, 45. Reynaldo Johnson, 46. Tony Saguise, 47. Boris Popov, 48. Carl Shiflett, 49. Michael Koblenz, 50. Mile Schemm, 51. Wayne Lambert, 52. Vartan Bedjanian, 53. Mark Gazse, 54. Russ Freemont, 55. Kevin Fong, 56. Randal Feliciano, 57. Jerry Rogers, 58. Manelica Gimdalf, 59. Preson Osde.									
3½ Points:	60. Charles Maddigan, 61. Gerald Blair, 62. James McFarland, 63. Romulo Aguilar, 64. Lee Bengse, 65. Eugene Lien, 66. Ricardo Lomas, 67. David Carr, 68. James Dean, 69. Jeff Leach, 70. Harrison Thomas.									
3 Points:	71. Peter Grey, 72. Gency Anima, 73. Al Raymond, 74. Ed Syrett, 75. David Saqui, 76. John Weisickie, 77. Jared Peterson, 78. Robert Raingrubel, 79. Harold Barnett, 80. La Roy O'Doan, 81. Ken Black, 82. Paul Vayssie, 83. Edgar Muffield, 84. Jim O'Callagher, 85. John Brennan, 86. Roger Woods, 87. Igor Gritzai, 88. Arnold Bruce, 89. George Miley, 90. Ray James, 91. Mary Lasher, 92. Linda Flaatt.									
2½ Points:	93. Dana Olott, 94. Neal Walters, 95. Fred Wreden, 96. Tony DiMilo, 97. Duane Chin.									
2 Points:	98. Max Wilkerson, 99. Duane Clark, 100. Robert Barnes, 101. John Quinn, 102. George Amrosic, 103. Jennie Kiesling, 104. Ken Larson.									
1½ Points:	105. Curtis Wilson, 106. Roy Hazinwood, 107. Elsie Lee, 108. Eve Belleville, 109. Simon Hill, 110. Julie Larson.									
1 Point:	111. Ted Sailor, 112. Michael Griffiths, 113. David Montgomery.									
0 Points:	114. George Currie, 115. Thomas Fletcher, 116. Leo Louie.									

(October 21-23) 2nd Carrol M. Capps Memorial Open was won by Craig Barnes by a score of 6-0. The 102 player event was directed by Roy Hoppe with assistance by Raymund Conway, Director of the Mechanics' Institute Chess Room. The prize fund was \$1,130.

	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score
1. C. Barnes	2224	W51	W29	W40	W7	W10	W4	6 - 0
2. J. Tarjan	2412	D48	W35	W15	W19	W6	W12	5½ - ½
3. V. Pupolis	2280	W63	W34	W9	W11	L4	W20	5 - 1
4. R. Rodriguez	2097	W53	W61	W42	W36	W3	L1	5 - 1
5. D. Fritzinger	2363	W33	W60	W8	L6	W17	D10	4½-1½
6. Z. Baroudi	2159	W52	W30	W41	W5	L2	D11	4½-1½
7. A. Suhobek	2145	W98	D31	W21	L1	W39	W16	4½-1½
8. C. Maddigan	2090	W91	W46	L5	W45	D14	W31	4½-1½
9. P. Grey	2088	W87	W83	L3	W47	D34	W32	4½-1½
10. B. Kraft	2054	W55	W44	W37	W38	L1	D5	4½-1½
11. M. Burkett	2040	W76	W62	W59	L3	W37	D6	4½-1½
12. B. Menas	2021	W72	D47	W48	W13	W*	L2	4½-1½
13. P. Nevill	1952	W100	D18	W86	L12	W61	W34	4½-1½
14. M. Sullivan	1939	W78	L17	W65	W15	D8	W28	4½-1½

	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score
15. T. Dorsch	2095	W71	W45	L2	L14	W82	W47	4 - 2
16. K. Grivainis	2085	W99	L42	W49	W23	W57	L7	4 - 2
17. S. Cross	2049	W73	W14	L38	W50	L5	W68	4 - 2
18. K. Nelson	2038	W75	D13	W31	L37	W59	D25	4 - 2
19. B. Lainson	2000	D96	W26	W63	L1	D46	W50	4 - 2
20. J. Lynch	1994	L*	W93	W51	W70	W*	L3	4 - 2
21. M. Costa	1932	W79	L38	L7	W66	W71	W54	4 - 2
22. M. Gimdalf	1877	L84	W69	L77	W55	W56	W53	4 - 2
23. R. Menaster	1861	W102	L*	W89	L16	W73	W40	4 - 2
24. J. Small	1861	L68	W92	W83	L39	W84	W57	4 - 2
25. B. Nelson	1836	W88	L40	W84	D62	W60	D18	4 - 2
26. S. Scott	1743	L38	L19	W93	W80	W70	W44	4 - 2
27. R. Anderson	2094	W56	W90	L36	L32	D44	W62	3½-2½
28. R. Hammie	2016	D35	W64	L47	W68	W29	L14	3½-2½
29. E. Alsasua	1987	W93	L1	D53	W30	L28	W64	3½-2½
30. R. Johnson	1926	W81	L6	D72	L29	W87	W68	3½-2½
31. G. Dunham	1926	W67	D7	L18	W72	W62	L8	3½-2½
32. J. Marberry	1916	L83	W66	W73	W27	D47	L9	3½-2½
33. H. Rosenbaum	1779	L5	W76	L39	W74	D35	W*	3½-2½
34. D. Moser	1517	W97	L3	W82	W42	D9	L13	3½-2½
35. A. Marshall	1504	D28	L2	W88	D53	D33	W61	3½-2½
<u>3 Points:</u> 36. John Greife, 37. Rex Wilcox, 38. Dennis Waterman, 39. Harry Mayer, 40. Ted Zwerdling, 41. Max Wilkerson, 42. Mark Smith, 43. David Thompson, 44. Al Raymond, 45. Paul Hersh, 46. Frank Berry, 47. Dr. Ben Gross, 48. Bob Cornelis, 49. Fred Wreden, 50. Vartan Bedjanian, 51. Jerry Rogers, 52. Ted Sailor, 53. B. Hardeman, 54. Harry Eisenberg, 55. David Bennett, 56. Jeffrey Leach, 57. Luis Givt, 58. Paul Hande,								
<u>2½ Points:</u> 59. Gerald Blair, 60. Duane Clark, 61. Romulo Aguilar, 62. Steven Markman, 63. Larry Shapiro, 64. Ronald Byrne, 65. Randall Pina, 66. Barry Hepsley, 67. Ivan Conway, 68. R. Oliver, 69. Paul Satt, 70. Joseph Tracy,								
<u>2 Points:</u> 71. Elmo Mugnani, 72. Ricardo Lemus, 73. Paul Vayssie, 74. George Ambrosio, 75. Louis Mancini, 76. Michael Portner, 77. Thomas Freukel, 78. George Miley, 79. Mike Phenicie, 80. David Montgomery, 81. Perry Bakista, 82. R. Courtright, 83. Tom Dowe, 84. Sinisa Katanic, 85. Douglas Larsen, 86. Alan Benson, 87. Gerald Veverka, 88. Jonathan Orenstein,								
<u>1½ Points:</u> 89. Boris Popov, 90. Alan Hawkins, 91. Dennis McCord, 92. John Quinn, 93. John Narcisi, 94. Frederick Cass, 95. Arnold Luna,								
<u>½ Point:</u> 96. Stephen Savas.								
<u>0 Points:</u> 97. D. E. Keeler, 98. Francisc James, 99. Roger Woods, 100. Reginald Trent, 101. Keith Guertner, 102. Terry Miller.								

When I came back from a Navy tour of duty in late 1972, I was astounded by the number of chess players a the Mechanics' Institute Chess Club. The chess room was so packed that it was difficult walking from one side of the room to the other. I remember a crowd around chessmaster Larry Gilden. He was expounding on a game and he was explaining the moves in philosophic terms; not chess jargon. Players were eating it up. A few days later I had a chess lesson from him. He gave me insight into the full power of a fiancettoed Bishop; i.e., potential control along the entire long diagonal. In payment, I took him to an all you can eat Chinese deli, around the corner. Except for Jude Acers, Larry was the most prodigious eater I have ever seen! I was based on Treasure Island, so as I was going home to celebrate Christmas, on Christmas day, I took a little detour to the MI Chess Room. I expected the room to be empty, but to my surprise Expert Robert Hammie was playing over games. We spent the rest of the afternoon playing speed chess. I had recently zoomed up to 1990 USCF after doing well in some A sections. But, couldn't hold my own in our 5-minute games. I remember losing 3 out of 5, or it might have been 3.5 out of 5; he was a very good speed player. It was one of the best Christmases I ever had!



Paul and Jay Whitehead in front of the ladderboard.

Abel and the Botvinnik Laureate

by Jude Acers



JUDE ACERS REMEMBERS 1000 ISSUES The little ole chess bulletin that could... from San Francisco..... how the venerable 170 year old Mechanics Institute chess club "simply got unspeakably off the chart lucky beyond words or treasure"

..THE LAST GOODBYE- GRANDMASTER CHESS LONE PINE 1975... knowing it was all over... COLLOSSAL California Chess editor-publisher McClain certainly was unprepared, never believed an epic last hurrah was coming that would take him into another world....my world ..The Jude Acers experience.I was grateful for his friendship.I do not think he really knew this.....so secretly I decided do something totally for free...hundreds of hours of work..... I hit him with the nuclear bomb. Most people promise .alas nothing eventful comes up the elevator of the California Chess Reporter office. I of course being the true hero of the century, an epic literary stud ... stage prepared the bomb. I knew he was all alone up there...I seized the day.... And for 60 frenzied days around the clock at my new playboy Jude 2000 Broadway apartment, I uncorked the entire core typed manuscript in perfectly proofread international abc algebraic notation. GRANDMASTER CHESS The 1975 Lone Pine California international tourney book..ONLY MUCH LATER later editions would carry wonderful tributes to me..it is like no other chess book, takes the whole chess world along for the ride... and like a true ghost ship sailing through time the ancient tome mysteriously sells forever in reprint... Guthrie McClain sold out in 90 days flat all over the world... and Walter Tevis author of the Hustler and the Queens Gambit immortal film archive was just a roamin' around the Mechanics Institute chess rooms to boot..Go ask Kevin! (Fong)

There of course had to be a theatrical Shakespearian ending -In two acts..up the elevator the manuscript came. The door opened automatically and for the last time , in total shock , alone at high noon lunch hour , the silver haired fox McClain, dean of California chess, stared at me in the elevator. With not one word spoken I gave the classic gentleman a formal royal bow , huge smile and walked the manuscript swiftly into his outstretched hands...then whirled and vanished . NOT A SINGLE WORD WAS EVER SPOKEN. HE WAS SHOCKED OUT OF HIS SHOES..... wanting what he already knew would be a classic final monster book of world chess persona..it name drops like crazy..... the last grand hurrah... published immediately in the only form McClain thought would sell... McClain secretly held a three day (chess problem wizard Robert E. Burger's home made spirits!) house binge party to change the entire book back into American chess old style notation! As Grandmaster Yasser Seirawan's favorite saying for all perilous occasions goes "Oh My". ...Promising me the original algebraic international edition later. Ha! Ha! Ha! Tippy with spirits aplenty the book cycled into a bumpier ride for the reader. (Ahem..readers most kindly note the clear civilizing effects of the Abel /Donaldson /Seirawan classy diplomacy - their world class manners liberally applied and sorely needed hereabouts by yours most truly Jude Acers) but Grandmaster Chess Lone Pine 1975 lives through time.. at my world chess table in New Orleans...People still come out of cars..in the dark night with pen in hand eyes aglow..please... sign it. Well of course Madame. Shall we adjourn for oysters at the world famous New Orleans French Market seafood restaurant which personally saved my donkey following Hurricane Katrina?... most conveniently located "just a shout away."step right this way!

JUDE ACERS REMEMBERS 1000 issues .Do not expect me to issue any stupid silly gee whiz thanks guys words ...expect sheer awe.
1973."We were young then .We were chess players then"-all time legendary chess master /road runner creature - Ferlinghetti City Lights published poet Dennis Fritzinger And the titanic historian chess shadow John Donaldson had to actually clue me in half a century later..."I still remember the excitement as a schoolboy in Spokane Washington when a famous chess master was coming to our school"Oh. I met WILLIAM JOHN DONALDSON only once in the New Orleans train depot 1988..

He crept through the chess world with perfect manners, scholastic chess writing , terrific interest in super grandmaster A,Rubinstein , an incredible unbelievable fiery international media covered romance... and of course his mind boggling Fischer books ...millions will read them through time... winning big time while all other played the hero, and the Mechanics Institute chess room got an absolute miracle 22 years later...The shadow.

Long before 1000 issues of the Mechanics Institute bulletin cranked out like caramel popcorn... there was the staggering 25 year notebook THE CALIFORNIA CHESS REPORTER published 200 yards from the epic 170 year old historical chess club ... and its final bulletin GRANDMASTER CHESS : LONE PINE 1975 which went worldwide... sold out every single copy in 90 days flat. The editor publisher... the one the only the titanic silver haired Guthrie McClain, a rated chess master/bridge player who had world champion Alekhine sign his boyhood 1929 chessbook .His people skills were subtle , off the chart. Yes THAT MCCLAIN. Mr. smoothie. 244 Kearny street, chess mecca..../The man who walked over to the

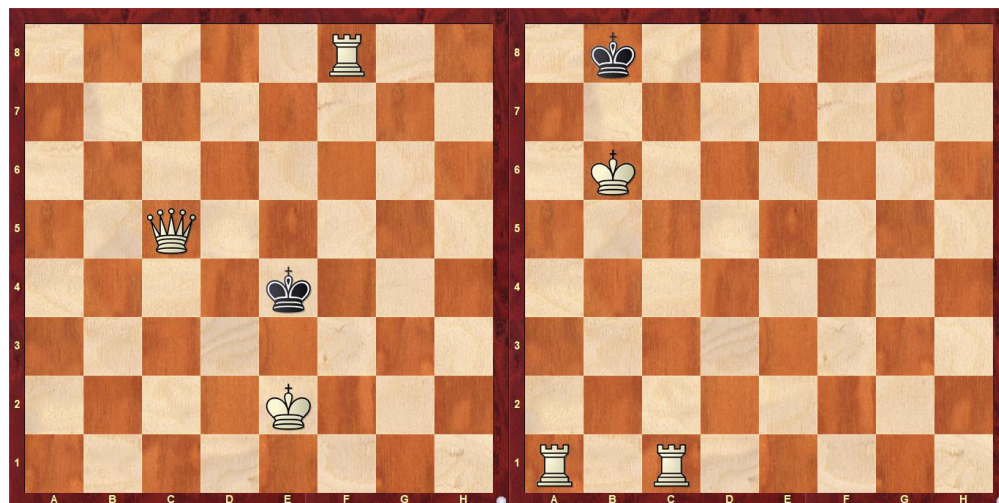
Mechanics to check up on that little traveling chess boy Bobby Fischer (US junior chess championships)...phoned by his worried mother Regina 5,000 miles away "Mr.McClain would you look after him..see that he is o.k. ?Yes of course he would indeed ma'am.)

and yes befriended that weird totally crazy totally homeless Louisiana po-boy Jude Acers who promptly almost in front of him... drew a chess match with USA#2 grandmaster Walter Browne, appeared 20 times in the New York Times chess column... ..hit 40 million copies of the Guinness book of world chess records with TWO monster jam packed exhibitions versus 117 opponents (lloyds Centre Portland, Oregon 1973) and the 18,000 door count mega killer 179 opponents /Mid Isle Plaza /Long Island New York exhibition ..and every single year 1968-1975 /amidst hundreds of chess appearances ...wrote for the California Chess Reporter...wages were PRINCELY.....stellar chess vibration and -my goodness gracious- all those egg salad sandwiches at Chinatown groceries outside the door!.

I I I was king of the world and most importantly I ABSOLUTELY knew it.I was envious of no one ...lived totally in my own world /crashing at twice nationally rated chessmaster / incredibly understanding Max Burkett's place (BURKETT EVERYWHERE ..chess host to the world) on Haight avenue three blocks -believe it or not -above Bill Grahams rock emporium Fillmore West where Jim Morrison of the Doors was waiting to play pickup basketball at the old gym floor there...believe me I had no idea at the time ..i thought he was a road crew equipment man...and giving 5 portland model James R.Schroeder cardboard prison pocket chess sets to Francis Ford 'the godfather'Coppola for his chess playing family while I was also writing a chess column for Coppola's San Francisco magazine. Watching with utter astounded silence as Herb Caen, Pulitzer prize winner had me and there fore chess in daily gossip column all over the place...walking into Specs bar and he makes me coffee for the po boy as I never drink smoke or do dope EVER. I plug him a postcard to Herb Caen which he used I 48 hours flat..he barely knows me but is so kind..he is totally unprepared for hundreds of fun calls when the Caen column hits..I am very quiet reading Imre Konigs theory chess book Morphy to Botvinnik in the back when Specs gets the third you are in Herb Caens column today call.HE IS SHOCKED DADDY-O..suddenly he realizes that the person he has been so kind to might be the guy....he turns around...Screams out "you are wonderful" and I stand UP and give Specs Adler a royal theatrical bow ala the Beatles What goes around comes around.....This then was my world, my bulletin ...but before we leave...I had wanted more than anything to give Abel Talamantez somehow a crazy thank you /never published / something really special... how it all came down...THE END... for all his kindness to chess/ EPIC Everest logistical wizardry THE SIR ABEL SHEER FORCE OF WILL makes MI Bulletin snap crackle and pop:

1975.. I knew it was all over. R. J. Fischer would forfeit the world title as I was sitting by the phone (Ft. Lauderdale, Florida)...Fischer absolutely told Arnold S. Denker (1944 US chess chess champion) that FIscher had told the US Chess federation to quit sending him money, that Fischer had scheduled no chess training of any kind ... Fischer would never defend his world chess championship ice cold. I had to leave now and.... I had had to say goodbye to Guthrie McClain.

A profile of two wonderous people in different worlds understandably had hazy outlines first..but Mechanics Institute chess bulletin readers already knew long ago how it all must end..with Problem Tony.Throughout it all.... in 67 years of chess road running.. the simple elegant Jude Acers chess tours demonstration board - the great teaching problems of all time...the SIMPLE ALL TIME GREAT grandmaster MECHANICS INSTITUTE NEWSLETTER CHALLENGE 'SIMPLE AS ABC' CHESS TEST!...BLINDFOLDED You are White to move and have a Queen at c5... White rook f8 and your ...WHITE KING IS AT E2...BLACK KING IS AT e4 You will make a move and checkmate next move ...(mate in two moves] (American Chess Monthly 1890/courtesy Lou Hays).....and finally in how many ways THE EXACT NUMBER PLEASE .. (NO PEEKING !..NO TOUCHEEEE THE PIECES NOW! -KR SMITH)move for move can you checkmate in two moves /White to move....White rooks at a1 and c1 White king at b6 Black king b8...Only perfect answers without touching the pieces count...CAN YOU SURVIVE THIS ELEGANT SIMPLE GRANDMASTER TEST? Not one player in one hundred is able to. Simple enough for all to understand amidst grasping wonder. That is it..there is no second act/encore...the best of the best... go ask Tony ...feed your head. Thank you and goodbye #####...



White to move and mate in 2. Solutions at end of newsletter



Jude Acers 1974, Lloyd Center Portland.

Spreading the Love of Chess to Our Children aka How Chess Enrichment Grew and Continues to Grow at Mechanics'

by Judit Sztaray

"Children are our future." I bet you've heard this phrase before. It's true in all areas of our lives, and chess is no exception. We all know the benefits of chess: critical thinking, ability to plan, memorization, and pattern recognition. With enough care, attention, time, energy, and patience, we can make a difference in kids' lives using chess as a tool.

It was no surprise, therefore, that Mechanics' Institute started its own outreach program in the mid-to late 1980s. MI Trustee, Neil Falconer, was entrusted by the American Chess Foundation to administer activities at schools in San Francisco and [Richmond](#). The Saturday Kids' class was started by Anthony Corrales in the early 2000s and continued by IM Elliott Winslow. The Mechanics' also funded a Thursday afternoon class that was taught in various schools around Hunters Point and continued for roughly a decade.

GM Nick de Firmian expanded the outreach program greatly after he was hired in the 2010, bringing in more than 20 schools to offer Free Youth Outreach classes during lunch recess and in the afternoons. GM Patrick Wolff had a vision in 2019 to expand the current scholastic programs and recruited a manager to help make it happen. Fee-based classes and camps were started at selected schools and scholastic tournaments were organized. In March 2020, online programming was quickly set up and delivered during the pandemic, keeping engagement with the kids ongoing even during the many months of lockdown.

So, what does scholastic chess currently feel like at Mechanics'?

It's one of the most fulfilling and satisfying experiences one can have, because investing in our youngsters always pays off. It feels amazing to walk into the oldest chess club in the United States and [see our children getting ready to play in the tournament on Saturday morning](#). I enjoy seeing them excited to put all those skills they learned during our classes into action: touch move, castling, notating, executing tactics, and delivering beautiful checkmates. It is wonderful to see watch them [win their section just a few months after](#) they were losing all of their games, seeing them make it to their [first national scholastic championship after getting enough practice at Mechanics'](#), and experiencing their growth from learning the moves to arriving at our historic Tuesday Night Marathon and playing in the same room as legends, with their names recorded in the game archives and Mechanics' Institute history.

Children are our future, and we must do everything in our power to encourage them to learn, to strive to find solutions and get better, and most importantly to instill the same enthusiasm towards chess as we ourselves share. We do this with hope that if we do our job right, one day they will pay it forward.

NM Michael "fpawn" Aigner



NM Michael "fpawn" Aigner (left) playing against GM Walter Browne at the Mechanics' Institute.

My affiliation with the Mechanics' Institute Chess Club began with a one-day G/45 tournament in September 1997. The Institute had recently completed renovations, installing an accessible stall in the men's restroom. Over nearly a quarter century, I participated in some 60 tournaments. My victories included the Stamer Memorial twice, a trio of Tuesday Night Marathons, and two sponsored weekenders restricted to Masters and Experts.

Above all, the historic club was the place to meet and compete against masters. I crossed swords with Grandmasters Walter Browne and Enrico Sevillano, plus a Murder's Row of International Masters young and old: Ricardo DeGuzman (over 20 games), Odondoo Ganbold, John Grefe, David Pruess, Walter Shipman, and Dmitry Zilberstein to mention just a few.

Naturally, the best juniors in Northern California flocked to San Francisco to sharpen their teeth against the best. I battled the rising talents Vinay Bhat, Daniel Naroditsky, Sam Shankland and Steven Zierk before they earned the highest title in chess. The Institute also hosted free instructional lectures featuring Grandmasters visiting from far and near, either public or for a class of juniors. Even the prestigious US Chess School frequented the club over the years. By my count, 20 Bay Area juniors and young adults became International Masters in the 21st century - and every single one played at least once at the Mechanics.

Indeed, the tournaments at 57 Post became an unofficial meeting place for my flock of students - and many of their rivals. While explaining the penalty for parents violating the cell phone policy, one director exaggerated that when Fpawn's phone rang, everyone in the room would lose 10 minutes off their clock.

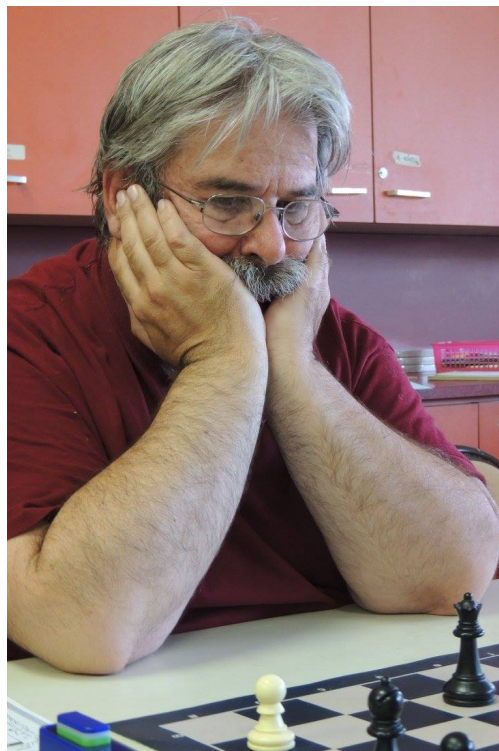
The Institute organized FIDE rated events throughout the 2000s, at a time when opportunities to earn an international rating were scarce in California. I joined a half dozen round-robins of 10 to 12 players, three merely to obtain FIDE ratings and three competing for IM norms. However, the strongest event I attended in the chess room was a week-long nine round swiss in December 2000. The Koltanowski International featured four Grandmasters, seven International Masters, and another 20 masters. The Belarusian-American GM Yuri Shulman won ahead of the legendary Estonian GM Jaan Ehvest.

As the oldest chess club in the country, it seems appropriate that the San Francisco Mechanics' Institute team became one of the founding teams of the US Chess League. Over eleven seasons, the Mechanics qualified for three semifinals and, behind the lineup of GM Josh Friedel, GM Bhat, IM Pruess and then-NM Shankland became champions in 2006. Future seasons saw the emergence of "Gggg" lineups - one experienced Grandmaster followed by three talented yet underrated juniors. After 2015, the USCL morphed into an international format, albeit still with a competitive San Francisco team.

No doubt the Mechanics' Institute had a pivotal role in the development of many chess players, including myself. While I live near Sacramento, I certainly left my chess heart in San Francisco.

An Open Letter to the Mechanics' Institute

by NM Mike Walder



An Open Letter to the Mechanics' Institute:

I want to express my gratitude to the Mechanics' Institute on it's 1000th Newsletter for doing what I think it does best: bringing chess players together. Just showing up to the Chess Room, one can enjoy the comradery while playing or kibitzing a game of chess. One can make friends, find classes, meet study partners, and hire coaches. Pre-COVID-19, I regularly played in the Tuesday Night Marathon and some weekend events.

In 2020, over the board play was put on hold by the COVID-19 Pandemic, which made meeting people in public quite hazardous. While sheltering in place gave me an opportunity to really hit the books and modernize my openings, I was afraid my play would atrophy from not getting serious games. But the Mechanics' management team led by Abel took care of that by hosting on-line tournaments. Not only were there the usual IMs, FMs and NMs, we now got ourselves GMs. For me that made the challenge of preparing openings more exciting as I didn't want to embarrass myself by getting massacred in 19 moves because I made an opening blunder. It paid off in ways I never would have expected.

The strongest GM we had during this period was Gadir Guseinov. I recognized his name as his games are in many of my books as model opening and endgame play. I worked for several weeks preparing the Botvinnik English and two lines of the Taimanov Sicilian to play against him, and sure enough, he played right into my preparation. My pawn sac on the Black side of the Sicilian gave us a seesaw game until we got to an even endgame where I got outplayed in time pressure. Judit told me Gadir said I played like a GM; that made my month. Our next game I played the Botvinnik English, but he played something I didn't see him play before and got a worse game before he blundered, and I was winning. Did I mention he is a strong GM? I went from being a rook up and winning to equal to walking into a help mate. We started talking and I approached him for lessons. We played a couple more games where my opening prep held up, resulting in me offering and him accepting my draw offers (before I could screw it up). I started to work with him on all aspects of my game, but mostly plugging holes in my repertoire and on how to build up advantages.

Together we often work on my opening prep. He helps refine many of my opening ideas.

As this year's European Team Chess Championship was approaching, I held my breath and offered to help him with any opening preparation he might want. To my delight, he asked for a fresh idea in two specific openings that would be different from what he has played and were not ones that are currently being hashed out and on everyone's radar. It took me two weeks, but I came up with a novel idea that I introduced to him after one of our lessons. He liked it and we spent another two and a half hours working and refining my novelty. This was every bit as educational as our paid lesson! He said he would use it if I could find something for two different sub-variations. I found a game that addressed one concern and a novelty that addressed the other. What a fantastic exercise for me!

During the match I sent in fresh ideas in other lines that were played and was told that my submissions were useful. He shared the new lines with his teammates, and I got to see one played out in the tournament.

Our discussions often went into topics other than chess. We talked about taxes, COVID vaccines, family life and travel. All of this made possible because the Mechanics' held online tournaments and continued to do what it does best: bringing chess players together.

Thank you, Abel, Judit, and whomever else was involved for making this happen. I hired an excellent coach and made a great friend.

Gratefully,

Michael Walder

3rd IM John Donaldson Championship Report

by Abel Talamantez

The 3rd IM John Donaldson Championship was a phenomenal success. During a time where many chess players and families may have been battling in the stores rather than the chessboard trying to capture last minute gifts, 68 players still filled the historic chess room at the Mechanics' Institute for the last event of the year. This would be a 5-round FIDE rated event, with a G/90+30 time control.



It turns out that youth reigned supreme for this event, as 2021 Rockefeller Elementary Tournament of National Champions winner Henry Deng and Xuli Dai tied for 1st in the top section with 4/5. Adelynn Yang won the under 2000 section with a very solid performance with 4.5/5, including a wild game annotated by GM Nick de Firmian below. Muradhan Sabyrov won the under 1600 section with 4.5/5. Congratulations to all the winners!

(1) Yao,Hanchi - Yang,Adelynn [D10]

28.12.2021

1.d4 c6 2.c4 d5 3.cxd5 cxd5 4.Nc3 Bf5!? Very provocative. It's a good developing move normally but what happens on... **5.Qb3!** Hitting d5 and b7. **5...Nc6!**



If you play such an opening with Black you have to play it actively to give your opponent hard decisions. **6.Qxb7?** Taking this pawn too fast, leading to trouble. White would have a clear edge after the safer [6.Nf3 Rc8 7.Qxb7] **6...Nxd4** Big problems on c2. **7.e3 Rb8!** [Not 7...Nc2+ 8.Kd1 Nxa1 9.Bb5+ Bd7 10.Bxd7+ Qxd7 11.Qxa8+ and White is winning.] **8.Qxa7 Nc2+ 9.Kd1 Nxa1 10.Bb5+**



10...Rxb5 This is forced, but Black still remains a piece ahead. Of course it's very tricky with both sides so undeveloped. **11.Nxb5 Qc8?** [11...f6! gives the black king an escape route and so remains a piece ahead] **12.Bd2?** [12.Nc7+ Kd8 (12...Kd7 13.Nxd5+ Ke8 14.Nc7+ could be a draw) 13.Bd2! has 14. Ba5 coming up and leaves White with a clear edge.] **12...Qc2+** The black queen invades with decisive effect. **13.Ke1 Qb1+ 14.Ke2 Qd3+!**



The right check. There is no way out for the poor white king. **15.Kd1 Qf1+ 16.Be1 Bc2+**



White resigned. It is mate in two after 17. Kd2 Qd3+ 18. Kc1 Qd1. A real slugfest! Credit to both players for such an all out battle. **0-1**

We had the pleasure of having IM John Donaldson stop by and lend his support, as well as his analysis during the broadcast with FM Paul Whitehead. To watch that round 2 coverage, click on this link [HERE](#).

SwissSys Standings. 3rd Annual Donaldson Championship: Open

#	Name	ID	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Total	Prize
1	Henry Deng	16681298	2095	W12 (w)	W20 (b)	D2 (w)	D6 (b)	W8 (w)	4.0	335.00
2	Xuli Dai	15931956	2027	W18 (b)	W17 (w)	D1 (b)	W16 (w)	D4 (b)	4.0	335.00
3	Phillip Seitzer	12687814	2143	L17 (b)	W5 (w)	H---	W12 (b)	W11 (w)	3.5	112.00
4	Sricharan Pullela	15580337	1943	D16 (b)	D9 (w)	W10 (b)	W15 (w)	D2 (w)	3.5	112.00
5	Aiden Liu	16850092	1893	D11 (w)	L3 (b)	W18 (b)	W13 (w)	W17 (b)	3.5	112.00
6	Theodore Biyiasas	13989054	2183	H---	D13 (w)	W17 (b)	D1 (w)	D7 (b)	3.0	
7	Advay Bansal	16068511	2012	D14 (w)	D8 (b)	W20 (w)	D11 (b)	D6 (w)	3.0	
8	NM Michael Aigner	12595730	2200	H---	D7 (w)	D13 (b)	W21 (w)	L1 (b)	2.5	
9	Tanmay Khattar	13833487	2106	H---	D4 (b)	L14 (w)	D20 (b)	W18 (w)	2.5	
10	Manas Paldhe	16418854	2019	D22 (w)	L14 (b)	L4 (w)	W19 (b)	W20 (w)	2.5	
11	Kevin Fong	16070663	2016	D5 (b)	W21 (w)	D16 (b)	D7 (w)	L3 (b)	2.5	
12	Nathan Yan	16430495	1972	L1 (b)	D18 (w)	W19 (b)	L3 (w)	W16 (b)	2.5	
13	Patrick Liu	16667410	1955	D15 (w)	D6 (b)	D8 (w)	L5 (b)	W21 (b)	2.5	
14	Vincent Qin	16571968	1886	D7 (b)	W10 (w)	W9 (b)	U---	U---	2.5	
15	Pranav Senthilkumar	14020007	2035	D13 (b)	W19 (w)	H---	L4 (b)	U---	2.0	
16	Nathan Fong	13001390	2033	D4 (w)	W22 (b)	D11 (w)	L2 (b)	L12 (w)	2.0	
17	Jacob Chiang	16093205	2002	W3 (w)	L2 (b)	L6 (w)	W22 (b)	L5 (w)	2.0	
18	Ethan Guo	16761994	1925	L2 (w)	D12 (b)	L5 (w)	B---	L9 (b)	1.5	
19	Sam Sloan	11115292	1900	H---	L15 (b)	L12 (w)	L10 (w)	W22 (b)	1.5	
20	Jeffery Wang	16291100	1880	B---	L1 (w)	L7 (b)	D9 (w)	L10 (b)	1.5	
21	Gary Harris	12834452	1865	H---	L11 (b)	W22 (w)	L8 (b)	L13 (w)	1.5	
22	Jacob Wang	17083655	1903	D10 (b)	L16 (w)	L21 (b)	L17 (w)	L19 (w)	0.5	

SwissSys Standings. 3rd Annual Donaldson Championship: 1600-1999

#	Name	ID	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Total	Prize
1	Adelynn Yang	15661335	1721	W12 (b)	W6 (w)	W5 (b)	W9 (w)	D2 (b)	4.5	268.00
2	Dylan Tang	16551237	1694	D4 (b)	W8 (w)	W15 (b)	W5 (w)	D1 (w)	4.0	168.00
3	Thomas Zhu	15488164	1625	L18 (w)	W13 (b)	D14 (w)	W16 (b)	W9 (b)	3.5	84.00
4	Axel Joseph	30240086	1463	D2 (w)	W16 (b)	L9 (w)	W11 (b)	W6 (b)	3.5	84.00
5	Hanchi Yao	16512998	1732	W10 (w)	W17 (b)	L1 (w)	L2 (b)	W14 (w)	3.0	
6	Mohammad Soltani	12889183	1698	W13 (w)	L1 (b)	W11 (w)	W12 (b)	L4 (w)	3.0	33.50
7	Matt Long	13377410	1426	L17 (w)	B---	H---	D14 (b)	W12 (w)	3.0	33.50
8	Cailen Melville	14006141	1897	D16 (w)	L2 (b)	L10 (w)	W17 (b)	W15 (b)	2.5	
9	James Mahooti	12621393	1867	H---	W11 (w)	W4 (b)	L1 (b)	L3 (w)	2.5	
10	Neil Bhaduri	16717750	1570	L5 (b)	L12 (w)	W8 (b)	D15 (w)	W16 (w)	2.5	
11	Aaron Craig	12872385	1582	W19 (w)	L9 (b)	L6 (b)	L4 (w)	B---	2.0	
12	Ella Guo	16380657	1545	L1 (w)	W10 (b)	W17 (w)	L6 (w)	L7 (b)	2.0	
13	Daniel Perlov	16465203	1523	L6 (b)	L3 (w)	L16 (w)	B---	W17 (b)	2.0	
14	Serena Yuan	16843308	1523	H---	D15 (w)	D3 (b)	D7 (w)	L5 (b)	2.0	
15	Kevin Sun	16898540	1742	H---	D14 (b)	L2 (w)	D10 (b)	L8 (w)	1.5	
16	Jashith Karthi	30016333	1598	D8 (b)	L4 (w)	W13 (b)	L3 (w)	L10 (b)	1.5	
17	Cesar Tamondong	12439091	1600	W7 (b)	L5 (w)	L12 (b)	L8 (w)	L13 (w)	1.0	
18	Ruyi Hu	16659933	1433	W3 (b)	U---	U---	U---	U---	1.0	
19	Adam Stafford	14257838	1760	L11 (b)	U---	U---	U---	U---	0.0	

SwissSys Standings. 3rd Annual Donaldson Championship: Under1600

#	Name	ID	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Total	Prize
1	Muradhan Sabyrov	30028106	1035	W9 (w)	W2 (w)	H---	W16 (b)	W5 (b)	4.5	268.00
2	Brian Ho	30188032	1495	W26 (w)	L1 (b)	W12 (w)	W15 (b)	W16 (w)	4.0	112.00

3	Adithya Chitta	16695036	1307	W14 (w)	D20 (b)	D18 (w)	W9 (b)	W6 (b)	4.0	112.00
4	Prescott Yu	16009618	1296	W22 (b)	D15 (w)	H---	W21 (b)	W8 (w)	4.0	112.00
5	Arjun Sankar	14542170	1574	W17 (b)	W13 (w)	D16 (w)	W7 (b)	L1 (w)	3.5	
6	John Chan	12561007	1500	D18 (w)	W10 (b)	D8 (w)	W19 (b)	L3 (w)	3.0	
7	Samuel Agdamag	14874734	1431	H---	D12 (b)	W14 (w)	L5 (w)	W20 (b)	3.0	
8	Andrew Ballantyne	17079795	1362	H---	W27 (w)	D6 (b)	W20 (w)	L4 (b)	3.0	
9	Drew Clark	30178041	1339	L1 (b)	W26 (w)	D13 (b)	L3 (w)	W22 (b)	2.5	
10	Simone Pagan Griso	17322263	1329	H---	L6 (w)	W27 (b)	D13 (w)	H---	2.5	
11	Swaminathan Sankar	14080777	1249	L15 (b)	W22 (w)	L19 (b)	W17 (w)	D14 (b)	2.5	
12	Shengjie Fan	16963081	1208	D21 (b)	D7 (w)	L2 (b)	H---	W19 (w)	2.5	
13	Skylar Kallinsky	30321876	1042	W23 (w)	L5 (b)	D9 (w)	D10 (b)	D15 (w)	2.5	16.75
14	Thomas Gu	17005685	982	L3 (b)	W25 (w)	L7 (b)	W24 (w)	D11 (w)	2.5	16.75
15	Kairat Sabyrov	30362207	unr.	W11 (w)	D4 (b)	H---	L2 (w)	D13 (b)	2.5	16.75
16	Omkar Govil-Nair	30298339	unr.	B---	W24 (w)	D5 (b)	L1 (w)	L2 (b)	2.5	16.75
17	Danny Cao	16939797	1064	L5 (w)	H---	H---	L11 (b)	W23 (w)	2.0	
18	Jimmy Fan	17303750	1042	D6 (b)	W23 (w)	D3 (b)	U---	U---	2.0	
19	Tianmu Wang	16996027	845	L24 (b)	B---	W11 (w)	L6 (w)	L12 (b)	2.0	
20	Prashanth Ramachandran	30081021	unr.	W25 (b)	D3 (w)	H---	L8 (b)	L7 (w)	2.0	
21	Steven Hicks	15109093	unr.	D12 (w)	H---	W24 (b)	L4 (w)	U---	2.0	
22	Shenghan Fan	16963886	895	L4 (w)	L11 (b)	W23 (b)	H---	L9 (w)	1.5	
23	Albert Starr	12844781	1500	L13 (b)	L18 (b)	L22 (w)	W27 (w)	L17 (b)	1.0	
24	Jordan Kaplan	14940346	1260	W19 (w)	L16 (b)	L21 (w)	L14 (b)	U---	1.0	
25	Mannansh Nayyar	15697026	1219	L20 (w)	L14 (b)	W26 (b)	U---	U---	1.0	
26	Anantiga Ramesh	16918785	1040	L2 (b)	L9 (b)	L25 (w)	U---	H---	0.5	
27	Vincent Seguin	30231214	988	H---	L8 (b)	L10 (w)	L23 (b)	U---	0.5	

TNM Round 8 Report

by Abel Talamantez

IM Elliott Winslow finished off 2021 with a big win against Christopher Bambou to win the Tuesday Night Marathon with a score of 7/8. Despite the loss, Bambou still tied for 2nd place with 5.5/8 with Nathan Fong. Yuvraj Sawhney had a breakthrough tournament in the under 1800 section, winning with 7/8. He drew his first 2 games and then went 6/6 the rest of the way.

Congratulations to the winners and a special thank you to all the players for participating in our flagship event. We will be celebrating 50 years in 2022 for the Tuesday Night Marathon, an event begun during the Fischer boom by then Chess Director Ray Conway. We look forward to celebrating the 50th anniversary with a special TNM, stay tuned for more details!

Here are some games from the round, annotated by GM Nick de Firmian.

(1) Winslow,Elliott (2252) - Bambou,Christophe (2097) [D15]

MI Nov-Dec TNM 1800+ San Francisco (8.1), 21.12.2021

Last round, board 1, half point difference, everyone else is way behind (well, some players are a point behind Bambou). Does Christophe play for gold? **1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.c4 c6 4.Nc3 a6** It's hard to say: this is what Bambou plays anyway! **5.c5** [5.e3 b5 6.c5; 5.Ne5; 5.cxd5 cxd5 was more or less happening on Board] **5...Bf5** Black has popular alternatives: [5...Nbd7; 5...g6] **6.Nh4** And the same for White: [6.Bf4; 6.Qb3 Ra7!? (6...Qc8!?)] **6...Be6?!** This blocks the e-pawn; Black playing ...e5 is one of White's biggest concerns in this line. [6...Bg6 is the "main move."; It's funny to see 6...Bc8 scoring better than 50% in the database, since it's mainly an offer to repeat! And given the tournament situation, this is maybe a hint to what he was thinking. Or maybe it was just another day at the Slav factory. 7.Nf3 (But 7.Bf4 seems to successfully take advantage of Black's "offer".) 7...Bf5 8.Nh4 Bc8 9.Nf3] **7.Bf4 Nbd7 8.e3 h6! 9.Nf3N** [9.Bg3 g5 10.Nf3 Nh5 11.Be2 Nxd3 12.hxg3 Bg7 13.Qc2 Qc7 14.0-0-0 0-0-0 15.b4 Bg4 16.a4 e6 17.Qb3 Bf5 18.Rd2 Rde8 19.Na2 Kd8 20.b5 Ke7 21.b6 Qc8 22.Bd3 Bxd3 23.Qxd3 f5 24.Nc3 Rhf8 25.g4 fxg4 26.Nh2 Nf6 27.e4 dxe4 28.Nxe4 Nxe4 29.Qxe4 h5 30.Nf1 h4 31.Ne3 Rf4 32.Qg6 Bf6 33.Re1 Kd7 34.g3 hxg3 35.fxg3 Rf3 36.Nxg4 Qb8 37.Nxf6+ Rxf6 38.Qxf6 Qxg3 39.Qe5 1-0 (39) Bykhovsky, Anatoly (2487)-Bykhovsky,Avigdor (2396), Yoel Geva (5) Tel Aviv 2009] **9...Bg4 10.Be2**





10...e6?! [This would be a good moment for 10...Nh5! 11.Be5 (11.Ne5!?) 11...Nhf6] **11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3** The two bishops don't mean much now, but wait... **12...Be7 13.0-0** Possibly a mistiming -- what if Black throws pawns up the kingside? [13.b4 0-0 14.0-0 is safer.] **13...b6** [13...g5!? 14.Bh2 h5 is scary! But White can just turn lemons into lemonade with 15.Be2 g4 16.Kh1! when the g-file cuts both ways!] **14.cxb6** [14.b4 is sensible. 14...a5?? (14...0-0 15.Rc1 Qc8 Black pulls the Slav version of a Hedgehog, but White is surely doing well.) 15.b5!+- is a by-now well-known breakthrough.] **14...Qxb6 15.Na4** Black's queen has no happy square. **15...Qa5** [15...Qb5 16.Be2 Qb7 17.Rc1 makes the breaks problematic.] **16.a3** [16.Rc1 Nb6 17.Nc5+- Qxa2? 18.Ra1 Qxb2 19.Rb1] **16...c5?** [16...0-0 17.b4 Qd8 18.Nc5 is just a queenside grind.] **17.dxc5 Nxc5 18.Nxc5 Qxc5**



19.Qa4+! Qb5 20.Qxb5+ axb5 21.Be2 White just picks up a pawn. **21...b4?!** Trying to get something for the pawn. [21...0-0 22.Bxb5 Ne4 imagines some play but White is on the road to victory.] **22.axb4** [22.Bb5+ is slightly better. 22...Kf8 23.axb4 Rxa1 24.Rxa1 g5 25.Be5 Kg7 26.Be2 Bxb4 27.Ra4 Bc5 28.b4 when Black is no longer a pawn down -- but it's in fact worse.] **22...0-0 23.b5 Bc5 24.Ra6 Ra7?!** This loses quickly, but there was no good move. **25.Rc1! Nd7** [25...Rxa6 26.bxa6 Ba7 27.b4 is hopeless for Black] **26.Rxa7 Bxa7 27.Rc7 Ne5** There is nothing to be done. **28.Bxe5 Bb8**



29.b6 The two bishops! **29...f6 30.Bd6 Rd8 31.Be7 Bxc7 32.bxc7 Ra8 33.Ba6 Kf7 34.Ba3** Black resigns. So Winslow comes out one and a half points ahead to close out a year of TNMs. 1-0

(2) Gimelfarb,Natan - Ahrens,Richard [C50]

TNM, 22.12.2021

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bc4 h6 This is alright but lags development. 3...Be7 is a little more helpful. **4.d4 Nc6?!** getting in trouble or losing a pawn. Black should play [4...exd4 5.Nxd4 Nf6 6.Nc3 Be7 with a decent game, though White is more active] **5.dxe5**





5...Nxe5?! [5...Qe7! plans 6.exd6 Qxe4+ White should instead play 6. Nc3 with a clear advantage.] **6.Nxe5 dxe5 7.Bxf7+!** A now well known trick. The black king must defend the queen so cannot take the bishop. **7...Ke7 8.Qxd8+ Kxd8 9.Bxg8** This bishop is a little better than the black knight, so the trade helps the defense. **9...Rxc8 10.0-0 g5 11.Be3 Bd6 12.Nc3 Be6 13.Rad1** Black is down a pawn but has the bishop pair. Kramnik would choose 13...Kc8! to avoid the pins and let the dark-squared bishop have a retreat square. **13...Kd7 14.Bc5 b6?! 15.Bxd6 cxd6 16.Nb5?**



16...Bxa2? [16...Bc4! 17.Nxd6 (17.Rxd6+?! Ke7 18.Rd5 Bxd5 19.exd5 Rgc8) 17...Bxf1 18.Kxf1 Ke6 is material equality and an even game] **17.b3! Rgc8 18.Na3 b5 19.Ra1 b4 20.Nc4 Rxc4 21.bxc4 Bxc4**



22.Rfd1? [22.Rfb1! a5?! 23.Rxb4!] **22...a6?** [22...a5! and the endgame is very good for Black! It is two pawns for the exchange and the a-pawn could we march down to a2.] **23.Ra4 a5 24.Rda1** Suddenly White is just winning. The a-pawn goes and then the exchange up makes the difference **24...Rb8 25.Rxa5 b3 26.cxb3 Bxb3 27.f3 Bf7 28.Rd1 Rb6 29.Rc1 Ke6 30.Ra8 Kf6 31.Rc7 Rb1+ 32.Kf2 Rb2+ 33.Kg3 h5?!** losing the bishop, but even on [33...Be6 34.Rh8 Kg6 35.Rch7 will win without difficulty] **34.Rf8 h4+ 35.Kh3 Kg6 36.Rfxf7 g4+ 37.Kxh4 gxf3 38.Rfd7 Rb6**



39.g4! d5 40.g5 f2 [40...dxe4 41.Kg4] 41.Rg7# A fighting game which left chances for both sides at a few key moments. **1-0**

(3) Ratliff,Jim - Starr,Albert Martin (1492) [D00]

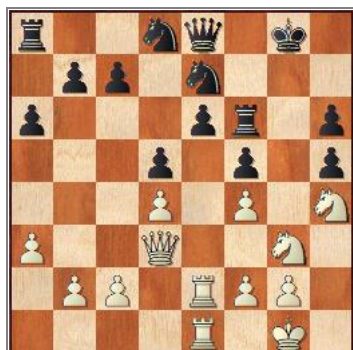
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[Jim Ratliff]

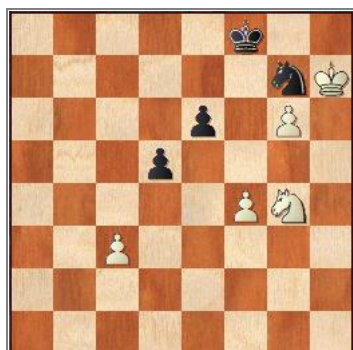
1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 e6 3.Bf4 A London System with the white knight on c3. 3...Bd6 4.e3! Accepting the doubled pawns is the best way to hold the center squares. 4...Bxf4 Black doesn't need to capture right away. The white pawn on f4 helps control e5 and Black is left with the light-squared bishop which is the worse of the two. 5.exf4 Nc6 6.Nf3 Bd7 7.a3 Nge7 8.Bd3



White has just a small edge from the opening, but it is a nice position to play. 8...a6 9.Ne2 Na7 10.Ng3 Bb5 Albert exchanges off the inferior bishop. A good positional plan yet it has taken some time. 11.0-0 Bxd3 12.Qxd3 0-0 13.Ng5 g6 14.h4 This is good use of the h-pawn. The black kingside is solid and must be weakened if White wants to attack. 14...h6 15.Nf3 Nac6?! [15...h5 would stop White's next move and keep the kingside more solid] 16.h5! f5?! This is an over reaction to the attack and causes more weaknesses. Preferable was [16...Qd6] 17.Rfe1 Rf6 18.Re2 Qe8 19.Rae1 The pressure is building. 19...Nd8 20.Nh4 gxh5?!



21.Ngxf5! White breaks through by use of the pin on the e-file. 21...Nxf5 22.Nxf5 Qf7! In a difficult position Albert keeps his cool and makes a good defense. 23.Nh4 Rxf4 24.Ng6 Rf6 25.Ne5 Qg7 26.Re3 h4 27.Rh3 Qg5 [perhaps 27...Nf7 28.Rxh4 Nxe5 29.Rxe5 Rg6] 28.Nf3 Qf5 29.Qxf5 Rxf5 30.Rxh4 Rf6 31.Re3 Nf7 32.Nh2 Ng5? losing a pawn [32...Kg7 keeps material equality] 33.Ng4 Rg6 34.Nxh6+ Kg7 35.Ng4 Rh8 36.Rxh8 Kxh8 37.Ne5 Rg7 38.Rg3 Ne4 39.Rxg7 Kxg7 White has one pawn ahead in a knight ending. That is always good winning chances - easier than a rook ending. 40.f3 Nd6 41.g4 b6 42.Kg2 Nb5 43.c3 c5 44.dxc5 bxc5 45.f4 Nd6 46.Kf3 a5 47.Ke3 a4 48.Nd7 Nc4+ 49.Kf3 Nxb2 50.Nxc5 Kf7 51.Kg3 Nc4 52.Nxa4 Nxa3 Good play by both side. Black has traded pawns and hopes to trade two more before sacrificing the knight for the last pawn. The white kingside pawns are advancing though. 53.Kh4 Nb5 54.Kh5 Nd6 [54...d4!?] 55.Kh6 Ne4 56.g5 Nd6 57.Kh7 Ne8 58.Nc5 Ke7 59.Nd3 Kf8 60.Ne5 Nc7 61.Ng4 Ne8 62.g6 Ng7

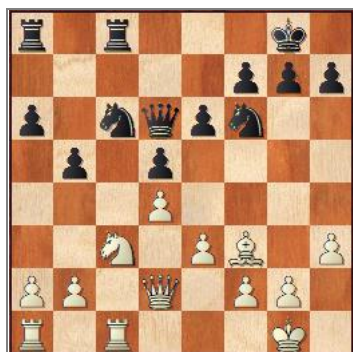


Black is one pawn down and holding for the moment, but Ratliff finds a way through the defense. 63.Nf6 Nf5 64.Nh5 Ke7 [64...Ne7 65.Ng7! is no better] 65.g7 Nxc7 66.Kxg7 Kd6 67.Kf6 Kc5 68.Kxe6 Black resigns. 1-0

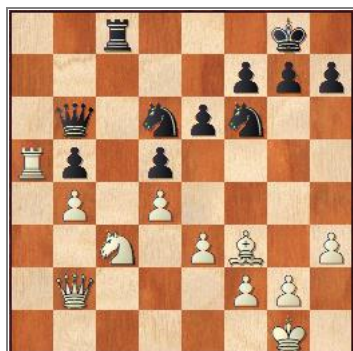
(4) Clemens,Kristian (1954) - Askin,David (2023) [D13]

MI Nov-Dec TNM 1800+ San Francisco (8.2), 21.12.2021

1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.c4 c6 4.cxd5 cxd5 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bf4 Nc6 7.e3 Somehow White has a negative score in the big database with this natural move. [7.Rc1 and; 7.Ne5 are good alternatives] 7...Bg4 This could be the reason. 8.Be2 e6 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Bxf3 Bd6 11.Bxd6 Qxd6 12.0-0 0-0 Black has a very comfortable position with the pair of knights. 13.Qd2 b5 [No surprise is the quick 13...Rac8 14.Rfd1 ½-½ of Agdestein,S (2570)-



15.a3N [Previously seen was 15.Rab1 Rc7 16.a3 Nd7 17.e4 Nb6 18.exd5 exd5 19.Rd1 Re7 20.Qg5 h6 21.Qg3 Qxg3 22.fxg3 Rd8 23.Kf2 Rd6 24.Rd3 Kf8 25.b3 Ke8 26.g4 Nd8 27.Nd1 Ne6 28.Rc1 Kd7 29.Ne3 g6 30.h4 Rc6 31.Rxc6 Kxc6 32.Rc3+ Kd6 33.Nc2 Ra7 34.Ke2 Re7 35.Kf2 Rb7 36.Ke3 a5 37.g3 Nc7 38.Rc5 Nd7 39.Rc3 Rb8 40.Kd2 Ne6 41.Re3 Nb6 42.Re1 Rc8 43.Re3 a4 44.Bd1 Nd7 Degro,H (2041)-Nordenbaek,J (2228) Barcelona 2014 1/2-1/2 (68)] **15...Qd8 16.b4 Qb6** So far all is equal. **17.Qb2 Ne7 18.a4 Nf5 19.axb5 axb5 20.Rxa8 Rxa8 21.Ra1 Rc8 22.Ra5 Nd6**



23.Qa1?! [probably a better try is 23.Be2 when Black needs to be aggressive 23...g5! (or 23...h5! 24.Bxb5 Qc7 25.Ra3 Nxb5 26.Nxb5 Qc1+ 27.Qxc1 Rxc1+ 28.Kh2 Ne4 29.f3 Nd2 30.Kg3 Nc4 31.Rb3 Ra1 Is this really nothing special? Stockfish thinks so.; In the first second or so Stockfish made White a clear favorite, probably because it fixed on 23...Nc4? 24.Bxc4 bxc4 25.Qa3+/- Ne4? 26.Nxe4 dxe4 27.Rc5+-) 24.Bxb5 Qc7! 25.Ra3 Nxb5 26.Nxb5 Qc1+ 27.Qxc1 Rxc1+ 28.Kh2 Ne4 29.f3 Nd2=] **23...Qc6 24.Ra6 Qc7** [24...Qxc3 25.Qxc3 Rxc3 26.Rxd6 Rc1+ 27.Kh2 g5=+/+ is some slight plus after ...Rf1] **25.Ra8 g6 26.Be2 Nfe4 27.Rxc8+ Qxc8 28.Nxb5 Nxb5 29.Bxb5 Qc2 30.Qe1 Nc3=**



White has temporarily won a pawn but Black's activity compensates for it. **31.Bf1 Qb2 32.b5 Nxb5 33.Bxb5 Qxb5** With a completely level game that could be agreed drawn here. Yet the players fight on. **34.Qc1 h5 35.Qc8+ Kg7 36.Qc7 Qb1+ 37.Kh2 Qb2 38.Qe5+ Kg8 39.Qf6 Qe2 40.Kg3 Qf1 41.Kh2 Qb5 42.Qe5 Qe8 43.Qf6 Qb8+ 44.Kg1 Qb4 45.Kh2 Qf8 46.Kg1 Qd6 47.h4 Qb4 48.Kh2 Qb1 49.Qf4 Qc2 50.Qb8+ Kh7 51.Qf4 Kg8 1/2-1/2**

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1	Elliott Winslow	10363365	2252	W15 (w)	W12 (b)	W13 (w)	D14 (b)	W10 (b)	W16 (w)	D3 (b)	W2 (w)	7.0	475.00
2	Christophe Bambou	12734479	2097	L16 (b)	W18 (w)	W27 (b)	W9 (w)	D7 (b)	W10 (w)	W8 (b)	L1 (b)	5.5	261.50
3	Nathan Fong	13001390	2032	H---	W16 (w)	D9 (b)	H---	W14 (w)	W6 (b)	D1 (w)	H---	5.5	261.50
4	David Askin	13776967	2023	W28 (w)	D7 (b)	L14 (w)	W15 (b)	L6 (w)	W17 (b)	W16 (w)	D5 (b)	5.0	
5	Kristian Clemens	13901075	1954	W25 (w)	D21 (b)	L6 (w)	W13 (b)	D8 (w)	W14 (b)	H---	D4 (w)	5.0	71.50
6	Guy Argo	12517167	1884	H---	W20 (w)	W5 (b)	L10 (w)	W4 (b)	L3 (w)	W13 (b)	D11 (w)	5.0	71.50
7	Daniel Wang	15361305	1700	W24 (b)	D4 (w)	D16 (b)	W12 (b)	D2 (w)	L8 (w)	W9 (b)	H---	5.0	143.00

8	Nicholas Weng	15499404	2001	L10 (w)	W28 (b)	H---	W22 (w)	D5 (b)	W7 (b)	L2 (w)	H---	4.5	
9	Gaziz Makhanov	16828914	1917	H---	X26	D3 (w)	L2 (b)	W27 (w)	D11 (b)	L7 (w)	W13 (w)	4.5	
10	Adam Stafford	14257838	1745	W8 (b)	H---	W21 (w)	W6 (b)	L1 (w)	L2 (b)	W14 (w)	U---	4.5	
11	Joel Carron	16600505	1670	D14 (w)	D17 (b)	L12 (w)	W26 (b)	W18 (b)	D9 (w)	H---	D6 (b)	4.5	
12	Ako Heidari	15206848	1955	W23 (b)	L1 (w)	W11 (b)	L7 (w)	L16 (b)	W18 (w)	U---	X20	4.0	
13	Edward Lewis	12601629	2017	H---	W22 (w)	L1 (b)	L5 (w)	B---	W20 (b)	L6 (w)	L9 (b)	3.5	
14	Kayven Riese	12572270	1900	D11 (b)	W19 (w)	W4 (b)	D1 (w)	L3 (b)	L5 (w)	L10 (b)	D18 (w)	3.5	
15	James Mahooti	12621393	1867	L1 (b)	D23 (w)	W20 (b)	L4 (w)	H---	H---	W25 (w)	U---	3.5	
16	Lucas Lesniewski	17039584	1855	W2 (w)	L3 (b)	D7 (w)	W21 (b)	W12 (w)	L1 (b)	L4 (b)	U---	3.5	
17	Samuel Brownlow	12747074	1832	H---	D11 (w)	F24	H---	W22 (b)	L4 (w)	L20 (b)	W27 (w)	3.5	
18	Ilia Gimelfarb	17158733	1760	L21 (w)	L2 (b)	W25 (w)	W19 (b)	L11 (w)	L12 (b)	W28 (w)	D14 (b)	3.5	
19	Teodoro Porlares	12773115	1746	H---	L14 (b)	H---	L18 (w)	W23 (w)	L25 (b)	X22	H---	3.5	
20	Marty Cortinas	12590374	1706	D29 (w)	L6 (b)	L15 (w)	B---	W28 (b)	L13 (w)	W17 (w)	F12	3.5	
21	Brandon Estolas	12869947	2003	W18 (b)	D5 (w)	L10 (b)	L16 (w)	H---	X27	U---	U---	3.0	
22	Andre Persidsky	12545869	1814	H---	L13 (b)	W26 (w)	L8 (b)	L17 (w)	D23 (b)	F19	X28	3.0	
23	Kevin Sun	16898540	1744	L12 (w)	D15 (b)	L28 (w)	H---	L19 (b)	D22 (w)	W27 (b)	H---	3.0	
24	Steven Svoboda	10451671	1914	L7 (w)	W25 (b)	X17	H---	U---	U---	U---	U---	2.5	
25	Glenn Kaplan	12680193	1735	L5 (b)	L24 (w)	L18 (b)	H---	W26 (w)	W19 (w)	L15 (b)	U---	2.5	
26	Anthony Acosta	12633251	1787	H---	F9	L22 (b)	L11 (w)	L25 (b)	W28 (w)	U---	H---	2.0	
27	Charles Faulkner	12559529	1720	H---	H---	L2 (w)	W28 (b)	L9 (b)	F21	L23 (w)	L17 (b)	2.0	
28	Tony Lama	12328450	1800	L4 (b)	L8 (w)	W23 (b)	L27 (w)	L20 (w)	L26 (b)	L18 (b)	F22	1.0	
29	Krish Matai	16444206	1937	D20 (b)	U---	U---	U---	U---	U---	U---	U---	0.5	

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1	Yuvraj Sawhney	17095004	1593	D26 (w)	D24 (b)	W19 (w)	W21 (w)	W7 (b)	W10 (b)	W2 (w)	W5 (b)	7.0	380.00
2	Adam Mercado	16571026	1746	W34 (b)	W17 (w)	D21 (b)	W8 (w)	W15 (b)	W13 (w)	L1 (b)	W9 (w)	6.5	285.00
3	Jim Ratliff	11163831	1632	H---	H---	W26 (b)	L7 (w)	W34 (b)	W27 (w)	W29 (b)	W13 (w)	6.0	143.00
4	Romeo Barreyro	17018168	1649	W19 (b)	W7 (w)	W13 (b)	L15 (w)	D17 (b)	W6 (w)	L8 (b)	X24	5.5	
5	Adam Ginzberg	30268083	1540	W41 (b)	W22 (w)	D29 (b)	H---	W32 (w)	H---	W18 (b)	L1 (w)	5.5	31.67
6	John Chan	12561007	1500	H---	L29 (w)	W48 (b)	W37 (b)	W25 (w)	L4 (b)	W32 (w)	X15	5.5	31.67
7	Sebastian Suarez	16875347	1474	W47 (w)	L4 (b)	W30 (w)	W3 (b)	L1 (w)	W24 (b)	W10 (w)	H---	5.5	31.67
8	JP Fairchild	30150098	1229	W53 (b)	H---	W14 (w)	L2 (b)	D33 (w)	W25 (b)	W4 (w)	H---	5.5	47.50
9	Timothy Bayaraa	15616166	1149	H---	H---	H---	W23 (w)	W21 (b)	W11 (w)	W17 (b)	L2 (b)	5.5	47.50
10	Dean Guo	30257083	1549	W40 (b)	W39 (w)	W33 (b)	H---	H---	L1 (w)	L7 (b)	W17 (w)	5.0	
11	Nursultan Uzakbaev	17137317	1542	W45 (w)	L32 (b)	L24 (w)	W28 (b)	W41 (w)	L9 (b)	W33 (w)	X21	5.0	
12	Georgios Tsolias	17266862	1511	W46 (w)	L33 (b)	W44 (w)	L18 (b)	L24 (w)	X47	W27 (b)	W30 (w)	5.0	
13	Albert Starr	12844781	1500	W28 (w)	W23 (b)	L4 (w)	X39	W22 (b)	L2 (b)	W26 (w)	L3 (b)	5.0	
14	Andrew Imbens	30102682	1400	H---	W48 (w)	L8 (b)	H---	W43 (w)	D20 (b)	W16 (w)	H---	5.0	
15	Stephen Parsons	16566932	1611	W44 (w)	W16 (b)	D32 (w)	W4 (b)	L2 (w)	L18 (b)	W20 (w)	F6	4.5	
16	Richard Hack	12796129	1500	W20 (b)	L15 (w)	W31 (b)	L22 (w)	D29 (b)	W42 (w)	L14 (b)	W35 (w)	4.5	
17	Aaron Craig	12872385	1491	W52 (w)	L2 (b)	W28 (w)	W24 (b)	D4 (w)	W32 (b)	L9 (w)	L10 (b)	4.5	
18	Matt Long	13377410	1478	L29 (b)	W20 (w)	W49 (b)	W12 (w)	D36 (b)	W15 (w)	L5 (w)	U---	4.5	
19	Noah Chambers	16694473	1219	L4 (w)	X52	L1 (b)	D30 (b)	F44	W49 (w)	W43 (b)	W29 (w)	4.5	
20	Prasanna Chandramouli	30279272	921	L16 (w)	L18 (b)	W45 (w)	W44 (b)	X50	D14 (w)	L15 (b)	W32 (b)	4.5	
21	Ronald Allen	30086796	1501	W27 (b)	W25 (w)	D2 (w)	L1 (b)	L9 (w)	H---	W22 (b)	F11	4.0	
22	David Olson	13913131	1400	W31 (w)	L5 (b)	W35 (w)	W16 (b)	L13 (w)	L26 (b)	L21 (w)	X39	4.0	
23	Deandre Stallworth	30255378	1399	W49 (b)	L13 (w)	H---	L9 (b)	F31	H---	W45 (w)	X36	4.0	
24	Tobiahs Rex	30164211	1278	H---	D1 (w)	W11 (b)	L17 (w)	W12 (b)	L7 (w)	W39 (w)	F4	4.0	
25	Benjamin Anderson	30235937	1172	W37 (w)	L21 (b)	W38 (w)	H---	L6 (b)	L8 (w)	W34 (b)	H---	4.0	
26	Ian Atroshchenko	30214657	1135	D1 (b)	X53	L3 (w)	X50	H---	W22 (w)	L13 (b)	U---	4.0	
27	Thomas Gu	17005685	997	L21 (w)	L37 (b)	W40 (b)	X38	W39 (w)	L3 (b)	L12 (w)	W43 (w)	4.0	
28	Pratyush Hule	16317000	970	L13 (b)	W34 (w)	L17 (b)	L11 (w)	W37 (w)	L39 (b)	W51 (w)	X38	4.0	
29	Eli Chanoff	12898987	839	W18 (w)	W6 (b)	D5 (w)	L32 (b)	D16 (w)	W33 (b)	L3 (w)	L19 (b)	4.0	
30	Ambrogino Giusti	30223021	unr.	H---	H---	L7 (b)	D19 (w)	W35 (b)	W31 (w)	H---	L12 (b)	4.0	
31	Christopher Hallacy	30310731	unr.	L22 (b)	B---	L16 (w)	H---	X23	L30 (b)	X41	H---	4.0	

32	Samuel Agdamag	14874734	1448	W42 (b)	W11 (w)	D15 (b)	W29 (w)	L5 (b)	L17 (w)	L6 (b)	L20 (w)	3.5	
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34	Cloe Chai	16315197	1254	L2 (w)	L28 (b)	W46 (w)	W47 (b)	L3 (w)	D41 (b)	L25 (w)	W44 (b)	3.5	
35	Marcus Casaes	30290420	unr.	L39 (b)	W41 (w)	L22 (b)	H---	L30 (w)	W51 (b)	W37 (w)	L16 (b)	3.5	
36	Erika Malykin	12910007	1693	H---	H---	H---	X43	D18 (w)	U---	U---	F23	3.0	
37	Nick Casares Jr	10424364	1600	L25 (b)	W27 (w)	L43 (b)	L6 (w)	L28 (b)	W40 (w)	L35 (b)	W49 (b)	3.0	
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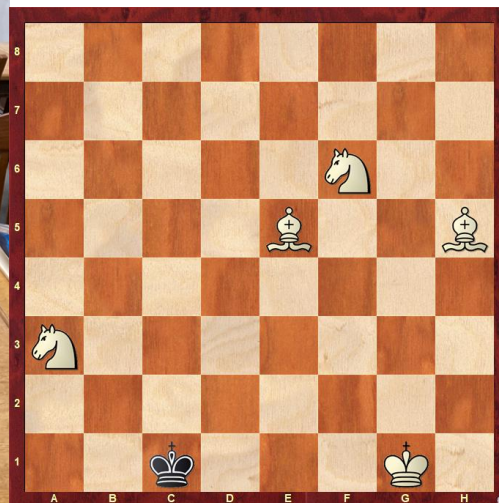
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3	Drew H Clark	30178041	1339	U---	U---	U---	U---	U---	L16 (w)	W38 (w)	W35 (w)	2.0
4	Christopher Hallacy	30310731	unr.	U---	W39 (w)	U---	U---	W40 (w)	U---	U---	U---	2.0
5	Zachary Siskind	30397364	unr.	U---	U---	U---	U---	U---	U---	W48 (b)	W48 (w)	2.0
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7	Edward Lewis	12601629	2017	W28 (b)	U---	U---	U---	U---	U---	U---	U---	1.0
8	Teodoro Porlares	12773115	1746	U---	U---	U---	U---	U---	U---	W16 (b)	U---	1.0
9	Romeo Barreyro	17018168	1649	U---	U---	U---	U---	U---	U---	U---	W14 (w)	1.0
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13	Albert Starr	12844781	1500	U---	U---	U---	W41 (b)	U---	U---	U---	U---	1.0
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31	Steven Svoboda	10451671	1914	U---	U---	L1 (b)	U---	U---	U---	U---	U---	0.0

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44	Toby Waters	30217896	419	U---	U---	U---	U---	U---	U---	L23 (w)	L22 (w)	0.0
45	Lauren Yani Ahmed	30247240	103	U---	U---	U---	U---	U---	U---	L25 (w)	U---	0.0
46	Carson Mayer		unr.	U---	U---	U---	U---	U---	U---	U---	L20 (b)	0.0
47	Maxwell Fleming	30329285	unr.	L14 (b)	U---	U---	U---	U---	U---	U---	U---	0.0
48	Adrian Lee	30397375	unr.	U---	U---	U---	U---	U---	U---	L5 (w)	L5 (b)	0.0

Tony's Teasers

Tony is back and ready to challenge you to solve this problem: white to move and mate in 3. Happy New Year from Tony!



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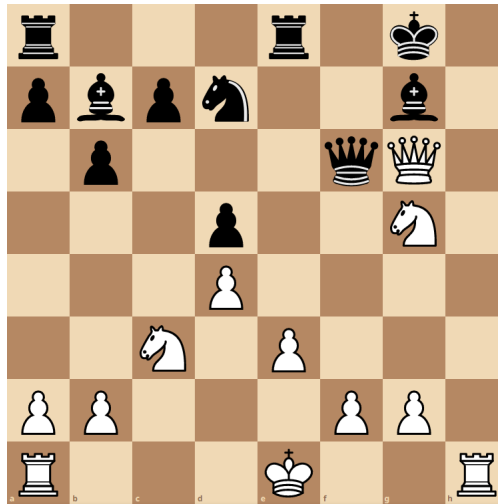
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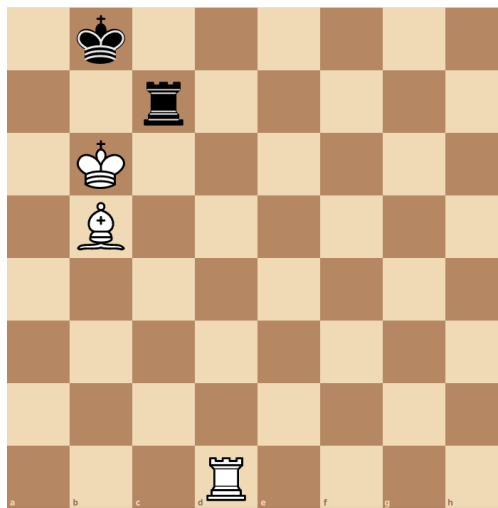
One Thousand

One thousand is a lot of anything.

In chess, a rating of 1000 is a threshold to pass over, and getting one's rating over 1000 is an indication that you are improving - no one can call you a beginner anymore. In order to make this kind of progress you need to start solving problems such as this mate in two moves, which happens to be position #10
5334 Problems, Combinations, and Games, by **Laszlo Polgar**:



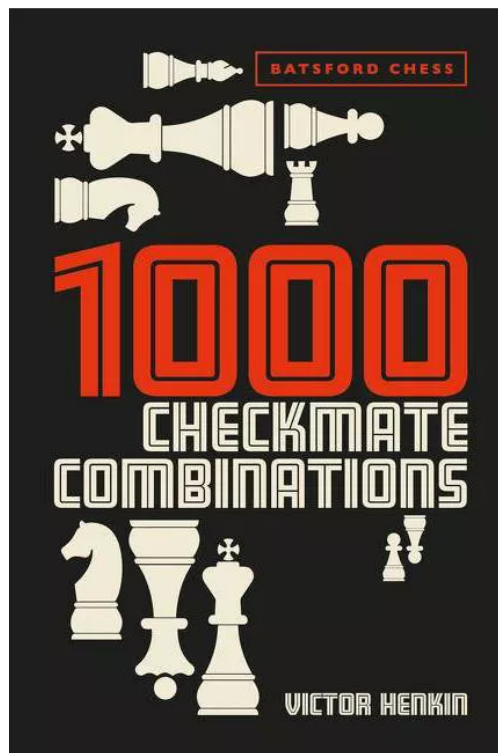
A bit more technical knowledge is needed to defend this position to a draw, #1000 in **Reuben Fine's** classic *Basic Chess Endings*:



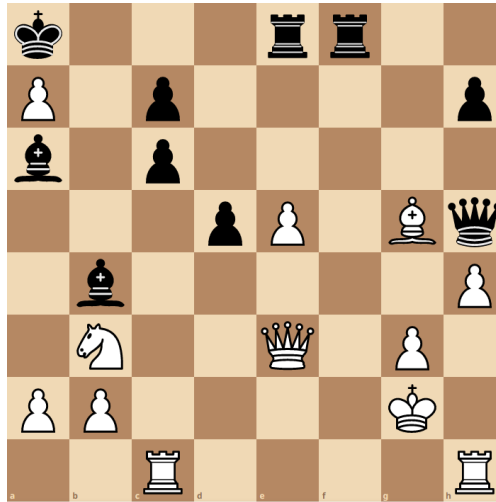
If you enjoy puzzles, then there are quite a few 1000-piece jigsaw puzzles featuring the Royal Game, including this one found on Pinterest:



Another classic chess book is *1000 Best Short Games of Chess*, by **Irving Chernev**. I tried to find that book (and the 1000th game!), but it had been the Mechanics' Library. And *1000 Checkmate Combinations* by **Victor Khenkin** has been lost.



Another nice book I did find was *Chess Gems: 1000 Combinations You Should Know*, by **Igor Sukhin**. Naturally I turned to example 1000. Black to



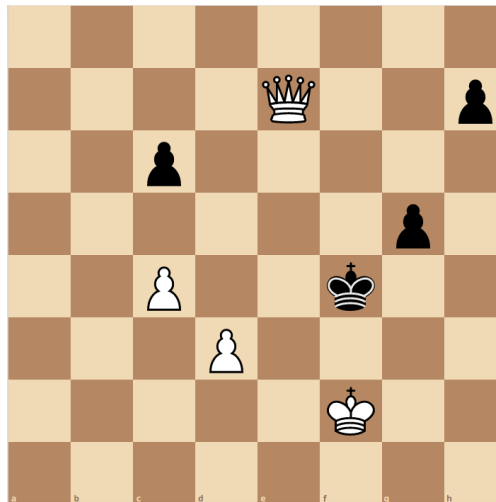
Timman - Karpov. London 1984.

After 1...Rxe5! 2.Qxe5 Qf3+ 3.Kh2 (or 3.Kh3 Bc8+) 3...Qf2+ 4.Kh3 Bc8+ 0-1. If 5.g4 Rf3+.

On a lark I went to one of my favorite chess sites, chessgames.com, to look up **Garry Kasparov's** 1000th game. I found this amusing struggle

Kasparov – Short. Immopar Rapid 1990

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.Rb1 f5 6.b4 e4 7.Bb2 Nf6 8.b5 Ne5 9.d3 d6 10.Nh3 O-O 11.O-O Kh8 12.Nf4 a6 13.a4 axb5 14.axb5 Bd7 15.Bxa1 g5 16.Nfd5 Nxd5 17.Nxd5 c6 18.bxc6 bxc6 19.Nb4 Qb6 20.Nc2 exd3 21.Nc2 exd3 f4 22.exd3 f4 23.Bxe5 Bxe5 24.Qh5 fxg3 25.hxg3 Bxg3 26.Be4 Bf5 27.Qd7+ Kg7 28.Qe8+ Kg7 29.Ne3 Re5 30.Qd7+ Kg6 31.Qxd6+ Kh5 32.Kg2 Rxe3 33.Rh1+ Kg4 34.Qd7+ Kf4 35.Qf7+ Ke5 36.Qe7+ Kf4 37.fxe3 Qxe3 38.Rf1+ f4 39.Qxf2+ 40.Kxf2.



And Short played on!

40...g4 41.Qe4+ Kg5 42.Kg3 h5 43.Qe5+ Kg6 44.Kh4 Kf7 45.Kxh5 c5 46.Kxg4 Kg6 47.Qxc5 Kf7 48.Kf5 Ke8 49.Qc7 Kf8 50.Kf6 Kg8 1-0

Finally, this article (and others) appears in the 1000th edition of the Mechanics' Institute Chess Club Newsletter. I am proud and humbled to make this. As random as the examples I have given are, they are bound together by my love and respect for the game and the people who play it.

Nick de Firmian's Column

Out with the Old! In with the New!

Each year brings new changes, and we certainly hope 2022 will bring different and better things than 2021. Of course, most of us are praying for an end to the pandemic and return to a "normal" life with a few new twists discovered during the lock down. The plentiful rains of the last weeks could also bring a new year without the drought and with few worries of fires ravaging our golden state. Chess will also have its changes and the end of 2021 brings us interesting considerations of what will happen in 2022.

The World Rapid Chess Championship in Warsaw ended with victory for the young and the thought that the complete dominance of the "old" guard may be at its end. A brilliant young player won the event and beat the "old" king, Magnus, along the way. You may think surely that would be the new superstar but you would be wrong. This was previously unheralded Nodirbek Abdusattorov, a 17 year old teenager from Uzbekistan. This is a great victory for Nodirbek who will surely bring him invitations to the elite events of the chess world. It is just one of the breakthroughs of the very young (in fact teenage) chess player. Firouzja scored many fine tournament victories and advanced to number two on the rating list with a 2804 year end rating. The great traditional Zee tournament was won by young Jorden van Foreest, and the World Open won by 18 year old Hans Niemann. We take particular interest in Hans as he has many developmental years at our club and played many Tuesday Night Marathons. He was also in Warsaw and we give one of his games along with the others below.

(1) Abdusattorov,Nodirbek - Carlsen,Magnus [A28]

World Rapid, 28.12.2021

Young 17 year old Abdusattorov gets the honor of playing the World Champion. Does he just "play well" and lose? No, he plays without fear and does it well. **Nf6 2.Nc3 e5 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.e4** This loses some dark square control for the gain of a central grip on the white squares. **4...Bb4 5.d3 d6 6.a3 Bc5 7.b4 Bb6 8.Nxb6 axb6 10.Bb2**



The opening is roughly equal. White has the bishop pair while Black has good development and good knights. **10...Bxf3 11.Qxf3 Nd7 12.g3 Qf6** Magnus plays an endgame. **13.Qd1 Nf8 14.Bg2 Ne6 15.0-0 g5!?** aggressive play from the old champ **16.Bh3 h5 17.Bxe6** Necessary so the knights don't control the square. **17...Qxe6 18.b5 Nb8!?** Taking time to get the knight to the square he wants. It's slow though. **19.f4 gxf4 20.gxf4 Nd7 21.Kh1 Qg4 22.Qf3** Even pretty even. Young Nodirbek is not giving any ground. **22...f6 23.Qe3 0-0-0 24.f5 h4 25.Rg1 Qh5 26.Rg6?! Rdg8 27.Rag1 Rxc6 28.fxc6 Rg8 29.g7** direct trying to win the pawn. With [29...Nc5! Black would have a nice edge.] **30.Qh3! Rxc7 31.Rxc7 Qxc7 32.Qxh4 Nc5 33.Bc1 c6 [33...Nxd3?? 34.cxbxc6 35.Qh3+ Kb7 36.Qf3** We have a fairly simple even endgame. Carlsen though must have felt he needed to beat his less experience opponent. **31.Ka6 38.Kg2 Qg7+ 39.Kf1 Qh7 40.h3** Take note of this move. It is the first step of this brave pawn. **40...d5!?** **41.Qf5 Qg8 [41...Qxf5+ 42.exf5 Nxd3 43.44.h4! and the h-pawn is hard to stop] 42.cxd5 cxd5 43.exd5 Qxd5 44.Ke2 Kb5 45.Be3 Qg2+ 46.Bf2 Ka4 47.h4 e4 48.dxe4 Nxe4 49.Qf3 Qg6 50.h!**



51...f5!? Magnus has too little respect for his young opponent. [51...Qxh5 52.Qxh5 Ng3+ 53.Kf3 Nxh5 54.Bxb6 would be a draw] **52.h6** only two steps Magnus must watch out. **52...Qe5 53.Kf1 Qd5 54.Kg2 Qg8+ 55.Kh3 Ng5+ 56.Bxg5 Qxg5 57.Qc6+! Kxa3 58.Qc3+ Ka4 59.Qc4+ Ka5 60.Qc3+ Ka4**



Black has two pawns to White's one, but White has all the winning chances with the advanced pawn. In rapid chess it's hard to defend this position. **61.62.Kh4 f4?** [62...b5! 63.h7 Qf4+ 64.Kh5 Qh2+ 65.Kg5 Qg3+ 66.Kf6 Qc3+ 67.Kg6 Qg3+ holds the draw] **63.Qd7+ b5 64.h7** Only one more step to go! **64...Qe5?! [64...Qg1!] 65.Kg4?! [65.Qd1+! Kb4 66.Qd8!] 65...f3 66.Kxf3 Qf6+ 67.Ke4 Qh4+ 68.Kd5 Qh5+ 69.Kc6 Qg6+ 70.Kc7 Qg3+ 71.Kb7 c4** escape the checks? **71...Qf3+ 72.Ka6 Qf6+ 73.Ka7 Qf2+ 74.Kb7 Qf3+ 75.Qc6 Qf7+ 76.Qc7 Qf3+ 77.Ka6 Qa8+ 78.Kb6 Qh8 79.Qc2+ Ka3 80.Qd3+**

b4? [81...Qc8+ has reasonable drawing chances] **82.Qd2+! Ka1 83.Qd4+**

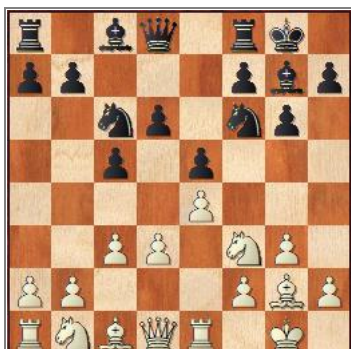


The champ resigns as the king ending is lost. A long hard battle, and perhaps a sign of things to come for the new year, **1-0**

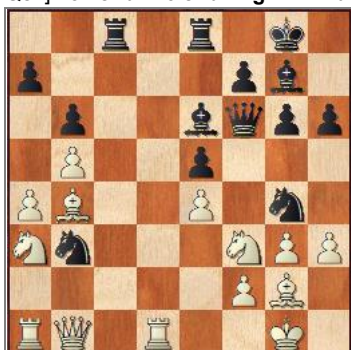
(2) Amin,Bassem - Niemann,Hans [A05]

World Rapid, 27.12.2021

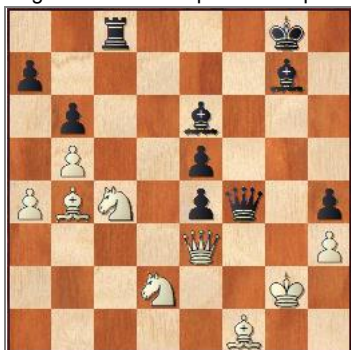
1.Nf3 c5 2.e4 d6 3.g3 Nf6 4.d3 In the old days this would have been considered wimpy, but current opening plans are often slower to develop and do advantage. **4...Nc6 5.Bg2 g6 6.0-0 Bg7 7.Re1 0-0 8.c3 e5!**



Hans plays principled chess (probably what he learned in the Mechanics'). Black stakes out squares in the center and has at least equality. **9.a4 h6 10 11.Bd2 d5 12.b4?!** [12.exd5 would be a King's Indian position reversed and about equal chances] **12...dxe4 13.dxe4 Be6 14.Qb1 Rc8 15.Be3!?** [15. f Qe7] **15...cxb4 16.cxb4 Ng4! 17.Rd1 Qf6** White's dark squared bishop will be traded for a knight, leaving Black the edge. **18.Bc5 b6 19.b5 Na5 20.Bf**



Black is winning the exchange but his knight on g4 is trapped. **21...Nxa1 22.Qxa1 Nxf2! 23.Kxf2 Red8** materially White is a little ahead with bishop an against rook and pawn. Black though is well developed and well centralized. **24.Bf1 Bb3 25.Rxd8+ Qxd8 26.Qb2 Be6** [26...Bxa4 is possible even tho bishop is stuck in a bad square for a while] **27.Nd2 h5 28.Nac4 h4 29.g4 Qf6+ 30.Kg2?!** [30.Kg1 is a safer square] **30...Qf4** The black queen is causing kingside with the help of the h4 pawn. **31.Qb3 f5 32.gxf5 gxf5 33.Qe3 fxe4!**



This grabs another pawn even though it is doubled. White shouldn't exchange queens and correct the black pawn structure. **34.Bd6 Bd5 35.Be2 Bh6** pressure is too much and White must give something up. **36.Bg4 Rxc4 37.Nxc4 Bxc4 38.Qf2 Bd5 39.Qxh4 e3+ 40.Kg1 Bg5 41.Qe1**



41...e2! 42.Bxe2 material is equal but White is pushed away from defending his king [42.Qxe2 Qg3+ 43.Kf1 Be3] 42...Bh4 It's mate or Black wins the c
resigned. 0-1

Solution to Tony's Teaser

1. Nd7!! Kd2 2. Nc5 Ke3 3. Nc4#

If 2...Kc1 3. Nb3#

If 2...Ke1 3. Bc3#

Solution to Jude Acer's Problems

Problem 1: Qa5!! Kd4 2. Rf4#

Problem 2: 1. Ra8+!! Kxa8 2. Rc8#

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